WHO RUNS MINNEAPOLIS?

Sermon Address by
Dr. Geo. Mecklenburg
At Wesley Church, Sunday,
May 8, 1938, 7:30 P. M.

In the Book of Genesis we read a very interesting remark about Cain who murdered his brother Abel. It is said of him that he was cursed of God and became the father of such as dwell in cities. Down through the ages there seems to have been a sort of curse upon city and city life. Isaiah when he prophesied said, "Get thee upon a high mountain and lift up your voice with strength and say unto the city 'Behold your God'."

When I was a boy I lived in the country and I heard so much about the wickedness of the city. I never heard a good thing said about the city. I used to see lists of great men of the country. As I remember it, those men were born in the country. I never saw a list of great men born in the city. The city was thought of as a very wicked and bad place in which to bring up children.

The Rapid Growth of Cities

In the year 1800 there were only six cities in the United States that had 8,000 population and over. They were New York, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Boston, Charleston and Salem. At that time only 2% of our population lived in cities. Now according to our latest statistics there are 2,876 cities of 2,500 population and over. Only 40% of our population are now in rural sections: 60% live in cities. In Massachusetts only 5% are really rural; 95% of the people of Massachusetts live in towns and cities. The drive towards the city has been steady and persistent and the cities will grow even larger. The time may not be very distant when all the farm work necessary can be done by 10% of our population. This drive towards the city ought to bring us to the realization of the need of understanding the city. We must become concerned about city government and city morals.

We might inquire why the city has grown so rapidly. In the first place the industrial age has made the city necessary. Then the elevator made the tall building possible. Rapid transportation made it possible for folks to come in and work at the center. Sanitary sewerage systems have made it possible for the city to be as healthy a place as the country. Now I believe the city is healthier than the country. You get safer milk in the city than you do in the country. You get better food in the city than you do in the country.

Why People Like Cities

But why did people want to live huddled up in big cities away from the beauty of the country? Well, in the first place, people like to be in crowds. A woman told me that the reason why there were so many people going to Wesley Church was because we always had a crowd in Wesley Church. We have a crowd because we have a crowd. Why do you always go to the State Fair every fall? You know just about what you will see. The same old weiney stands and the same farm machinery, just a little improved. I think we crowd to the fairs and circuses because we like the crowd. It is lonesome out in the country.

Then there are more opportunities in the city; or we have more expectancies of opportunity in the city, for young men and women who want to make good. I talked with a young man the other day who was absolutely up against it here. He couldn't get a job in Minneapolis. He came from a little town 300 miles north of here. I asked him why he came. "Oh," he said, "that little town of 200 people had no opportunities at all. There was nothing for a young man to do. Nothing to go to. Nothing to look forward to." He came to Minneapolis because he was ambitious.

More Opportunities

Then people come to the big city because there are greater educational, recreational and religious opportunities. The churches of the big cities have better music, more interesting programs and once in a while they even have better preachers.

Now tonight I am talking with you citizens of Minneapolis rather confidentially about our city and how it is run. I am asking the question that you have been asking for years, "Who runs Minneapolis?" But people of St. Paul should be equally interested and the people of every city in our land should be interested. Even our rural people should be interested because the city largely determines the intellectual and moral trends in rural sections. The country takes its cue from the city.

I Was Born Here

I am interested in Minneapolis because I was born here. I am somewhat sentimental about it. Once in a while I catch myself going a bit out of the way when I drive down near Augsburg Seminary in South Minneapolis to go by the house in which I was born. It still stands there in good repair.

My father came to Minneapolis in 1871. He came from Chicago. They had a great Chicago fire. It got so hot in Chicago he thought he better come to Minneapolis. He married a Minneapolis girl. Later on he was a merchant in Minneapolis for many years and then moved out into the country because my parents had eight children and they thought the city was no place in which to bring up children.

Old Minneapolis

I remember old Minneapolis. I remember the time when T. B. Walker's home stood on 8th and Hennepin Avenue. Mr. Walker always had an open house. You could go and see his house and his pictures any time. I remember one time when a guest became a thief and stole a valuable rug. I remember when the Longfellow zoo was on 16th and Hennepin. I remember the days of the horse cars. I remember clearly when I was four years of age going on the horse street car up to 20th Avenue North, as they called it then, to see my grandmother. I remember going to the horse auction and buying a spavin horse for $9.00 and taking it out into the country. I remember the days when there was no paving in Minneapolis on Washington Avenue out towards Camden place. The great lumber wagons hauled by six great Clyde horses dug up the streets so that the ruts were sixteen inches deep. Yes, I remember the old Minneapolis. I remember my father saying that nobody could be elected in Minneapolis except he had the backing of the saloon interests. The breweries and the saloons ran the city.

Because of all this, I am interested in my city. It is my city. But that is not the only reason. If I had been an imported preacher to Wesley Church from some other state, I would be equally interested in the moral conditions as well as the economic conditions in our city.

At Wesley Church

Here at Wesley Church we are carrying on an institution. Most of you know that Wesley Church is more than a church. It is a great downtown institution carrying on in sixty-two different departments for the welfare of the people of this city. During the past year in our various clubs and recreation work we have served 2,000 boys and girls and young people. We have tried to teach them good sportsmanship. We have tried to instill into them character and citizenship. We have done our best for them but we may work with a boy for ten years. Then he goes down to one of the brothels or beer halls and all we have done in ten years is spoiled in one night. I am interested in a moral crusade to clean up Minneapolis because the conditions in Minneapolis and around Minneapolis now spoil the product of my church. Every minister of this city ought to be likewise interested in a moral regeneration of our city.

Fine Class of People

I do not know of any city in the United States of its size that has a finer class of people than Minneapolis. The people are mainly made up of Scandinavians, Germans, English and Irish. Two per cent are negroes; 98% are white. Eighty-five per cent of our population is native born. We have over 400 churches. Church attendance in Minneapolis is as large in proportion to population as in any city in our land. This ought to be a highly respectable city to live in. But our reputation is otherwise. Over the country you hear that Minneapolis is a town that is run by racketeers, saloons and breweries. You hear that this is a place where they shoot men that try to reform the city. I do not believe that we deserve our reputation. Somehow our delinquency has been very much advertised and probably over-advertised. I do not think we are any worse than Kansas City and other cities of our size. And I verily believe that our reputation for racketeering and for vice has come not through our own citizens but from imported vice kings and racketeers. They have been chased out of New York and Chicago and have come to Minneapolis.

Who Runs Minneapolis?

But be that as it may, who runs Minneapolis? Who is really in power? Who is responsible for the bad reputation that we have? Who is responsible for the fact that Minneapolis today has more vice dens, more gambling places, more open night life than any time in my experience with Minneapolis?

I suppose the easy answer for a speaker who is asked this question is to turn to the city Charter and say, "There you can read about who runs the city." I have in my hand the City Charter of 133 pages. I might read this tonight and tell you there, those officers mentioned are running the city according to the City Charter. That would be fine and an easy way out of it for me. The only trouble with that is that it is not so.

The Elected Officers

The elected officers in Minneapolis are the Mayor, 26 Aldermen, Treasurer, Comptroller, the members of the Board of Education, Board of Park Commissioners; Library Board, and four Municipal Court Judges.

The Mayor appoints the Board of Public Welfare which in turn appoints the Health Commissioner, Superintendent of Hospitals, Superintendent of the Poor, Superintendent of the Workhouse. The Mayor also appoints the Civil Service Commissioner, the Chief of Police and Secretary to the Mayor. The City Council which is made up of the Aldermen appoint the City Clerk, the City Attorney, City Engineer, the City Assessor, the Health Commissioner, the Purchasing Agent, the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, the Building Inspector, the Gas Inspector, the License Inspector, the Street Railway Inspector, the City Weighmaster, the Street Commissioners and he concurs in the appointment of the officers of the Water Department which is appointed by the Water Committee.

Now this is the set up for our city government in the main and any details such as carrying for our water system or fire department, issuing of marriage certificates and dog license and attending to the work house, and collecting taxes are done pretty well by these officials. In a technical or academic sense the elected officials run the city.

But those of us who know the real facts about Minneapolis know that these officials don't really run the city. But who then runs the city? Well, some say that the rich, the wealthy families of Minneapolis, run the city. I think we have been particularly fortunate in Minneapolis that we have had high intelligence and moral integrity in our leading families of wealth. They have been concerned about establishment of art institutes, libraries, parks and playgrounds. Much money has been donated by the wealthy families to make this a beautiful city. But no one who knows the facts will contend that the wealth of Minneapolis runs the city. Some say that 544 runs the city. I do not know first hand what 544 does, but I know there is much government by threat and force in our city. A laundry was told to change the firm from which to buy dyes. The laundry refused. A couple of days later, rough men came and poured out the whole vat of dye. Then the laundry changed the dye. I heard of a tailor near Wesley who would not pay $4.00 a month to somebody who came around and asked for it. One night a truck backed up to his back door, pushed it in and cleaned out everything he had in the tailor shop. He has not found to this day who did it. I can tell you of hundreds of cases in Minneapolis of government by "rough stuff." Insofar as that is being carried on, so far democracy is at stake in Minneapolis, whether it is done by 544 or 999. There certainly ought to be a civic investigation with an outcry on the part of our people against that kind of government.

But I do not agree that 544 runs Minneapolis.

There are folks that say that the Jews run Minneapolis and they point out case after case where Jews are the owners of dives and places that violate the law. If that be true, then I believe that the large group of good and righteous Jews ought to get together to have it stopped. I do not believe that the Jews run Minneapolis, and I am sure that the Mayor of the city does not run Minneapolis. He has told us in one meeting after the other that he is thwarted, that he cannot carry out what he wants to carry out. He has told us that the City Council and the Judges make it impossible for him to carry out a real crusade for the cleaning up of the town. The Mayor's office is largely a decorative office for the welcoming of conventions to the city. Although he does appoint the Chief of Police.

The City Council could be a power for righteousness and good in this city, but I have been terribly disappointed with the City Council. There are some good men on the Council but the majority voted against moral reform every time that I have noticed a contest during the past twelve months.

Here we are as churches and citizens trying desperately to save our city and our land. We are pouring out energy and money to bringing up our young people right but the city fathers who have been elected and who have taken an oath of office to do right are not with us. They thwart us every time. It is a condition that should not be tolerated by our citizens. We ought to rise up in holy horror against conditions as they are today.

Public Indifference

Now who really runs Minneapolis? I think I know. I have tried again and again to lead crusades for the elimination of vice and evil in our city. I have been up against one great, big cloud of public indifference. Public indifference runs Minneapolis.

Vice and crime thrives upon our indifferences. We are so busy with our work and our homes. But our city is as important as our homes. If our city goes down, our homes will go with it. The time has come when we must become aroused about the situation in Minneapolis.

Yes, it was probably true that Cain who murdered his brother and became cursed of God became the father of those who dwell in cities. And cities have been notorious for evil but inasmuch as most of us must live in cities from now on, it becomes our Christian duty to make the city the cleanest place in the world.

The Bible opens with a beautiful picture of a garden. But it closes with a picture of a city. It was a city which was called "The Holy City." And with the progress of the human race I believe it is possible to make a city a holy place of God.

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At Wesley Church Sunday

9:45 A. M.

WESLEY CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Wesley Church Sunday School never closes. We do not take a summer vacation. Many of the Sunday School students have the privilege of going away in the summer time but many are obliged to stay in the city. Many visitors come from outside and like to attend Sunday School, so we keep up the adult classes and the classes for the boys and the girls throughout the summer. Sometimes classes are combined. Often we give the teachers a vacation when they want it. The Sunday School as a whole goes on.

The Sunday School now is looking forward to a big Children's Day Program which will be given on Sunday, June 12th.

11:00 A. M.

WESLEY CHURCH MORNING WORSHIP

Sermon by Dr. Geo. Mecklenburg on

"Is the God of Battle With the Strong?"

This morning service at Wesley will be a special Memorial Day service. Several patriotic societies will be in attendance and the program will be unusually beautiful. These are days when democracy is in the balance over the world. There are also many evidences that the structure of democracy is crumbling in the United States. We need more patriotic services. We need to pay more attention to the foundation of our liberties. You are invited to bring friends with you to this big service, Sunday morning at eleven o'clock.

6:00 P. M.

THE YOUTH SERVICES OF WESLEY

Beautiful devotional worship service by all young people in the main auditorium of the Church.

6:30 P. M.—The Epworth League in Ladies' Parlor.

Wesleyan League in Whatsoever Room

Wesley Forum in Baraca Room.

7:30 P. M.

WESLEY CHURCH EVENING WORSHIP

Sermon-Address by Dr. Mecklenburg on

"MUST FASCISM WIN?"

This will be our second patriotic service. No man is better qualified by study and travel all over the world to discuss the disease of Fascism than Dr. Mecklenburg. The history, the meaning and the ravages of Fascism will be discussed. Is there danger that a Fascist government is rising in Washington?

Beautiful moving pictures are always shown at the evening services of Wesley Church. Your friends will thank you for inviting them to this evening service on Fascism.

PENTECOST SUNDAY, JUNE 5TH

The next big day in Wesley Church will be Pentecost Sunday when a great many people will unite with the church. We believe there are many people who want the church and its blessing on their lives, their homes and their work. We believe every person can be a better Christian in the church. We believe the church has a right to expect you to support it with your presence, your prayers and your money. We believe every family should have a church home, a pastor, and a place to worship. Wesley Church invites you to join her big family on Pentecost Sunday, June 5.

DR. MECKLENBURG CHALLENGES MAYOR

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Rev. Henry J. Soltau is backing up Dr. Mecklenburg in his fearless stand for civic righteousnes, many complaints having already been signed by the assistant pastor after having gathered evidence to substantial charges.

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poor and wrote text books for them.

7. Started a loan agency for the poor.

8. According to Winchester raised up the only absolutely incorruptible voters in England in the 18th century.

9. Started social service agencies all over England.

10. Advocated temperance reform and prohibition.

11. The last letter he wrote was against slavery to William Wilberforce, the great leader against slavery in England.

12. He sensed the coming industrial revolution.

Maximin Piette, a Catholic theologian in his great new book on "John Wesley in the Evolution of Protestantism" has this to say:

"John Wesley furnished the only solitary influence in the decadent England of the 18th century, and the only spark of life in moribound protestantism."

ORCHESTRA

The Wesley Church orchestra will have a big Friday evening practice this week with Mr. Elmer G. Clingman as director. All the members are urged to be present at 7:30. We also want to invite anyone to join this group who enjoys playing some musical instrument. There will be some new members with us and the regulars will give them a big welcome.

WANT ADS

WANTED—Man or woman to take interest in shopping news and manage town about 10,000. Paper has been running about seven months. Small investment. Write Wesley News, Minneapolis, Minn.

Mrs. Bert E. Smith, wife of our former District Superintendent, would like to have three or four employed Christian girls to room at her home at 4904 Upton Ave. S. Phone WAlnut 6496.

FOR RENT—Large cool sleeping room with closet for business girl for $2.50 per week. Breakfast optional. Apt. B—2710 Blaisdell Ave. S.

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COOKING SCHOOL AT LITTLE FAIR

Social Worker On Wesley Staff

Deaconess or Social Worker to be selected.

Through the generosity of one of the leading Christian citizens of Minneapolis it now becomes possible to add another member to the working staff of Wesley Church.

The social and community work of Wesley has become so far flung and so heavy that it has been felt for many months that a trained deaconess and community worker must become a permanent part of the staff. The pastors of the church have worked night and day but could never keep up with the need.

Just before leaving for Czechoslovakia Dr. Mecklenburg announced that the salary of a trained worker had been provided for through the generosity of the Christian women of the community.

A social service committee will be appointed to help direct the work of the new deaconess, and to co-ordinate it with the other work of the church.

No one has as yet been selected. The best trained woman available from any part of the country will be sought for. Applications are being received at Wesley Church Office. Selection will be made before conference meets on Sept. 27. It is hoped the new staff worker can be installed about Oct. 1.

A Good Preacher

Dr. Edward W. Stodghill of Brookings, S. Dak., was the guest minister at Wesley church last Sunday morning and evening. He delivered two inspiring sermons on timely subjects, speaking in the morning on "Christ's Vision of the Church" and in the evening on "Roads That Lead Somewhere". One of the leading men of Wesley had this to say about him: "Dr. Stodghill is well qualified to occupy a University pulpit such as he has in the city of Brookings.". Others were pleased with his fine voice and clear thinking.

Annual Picnic

On Wednesday, August 10, the women of Wesley Guild met for the Annual Picnic at Glenwood Park. It was a breezy, tangy afternoon and the picnic lunch was made delicious with coffee made by Mrs. Saunders and Mrs. Ellingson. A business meeting followed, presided over by Mrs. Stanley Hunter who acted in the absence of our president, Mrs. Louis Hanson, who has been ill. Much business was accomplished, including the

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Rev. Henry J. Soltau

Rev. Henry J. Soltau will be the speaker at the morning service next Sunday at 11:00 A. M. He will speak on the subject "Caring for Others" or "Can we Afford to Neglect Others". At the evening service Dr. Fred M. Perrill of Lucknow, India, editor and missionary, will be the speaker. You will be interested in his great message. Beautiful moving pictures will be thrown on the silver screen after the address.

A Day In The Pastor's Study

Wesley Church is a busy down-town Metropolitan institution located in the heart of the Minneapolis business center at the end of Marquette Avenue. Thousands of people looking up the Avenue for ten blocks can see the cross on the tower day and night. It is a beacon light that represents service to all who come and scores of people turn to us each day with all kinds of problems. Our telephones never stop ringing, thus making it necessary to have special help just to answer calls. Let me invite you into my office for a single morning and have you listen to the heart aches and heart breaks of people who need the help and advice of the church and its pastors. Many come by appointment. Here is a woman who comes pleading for her sister's release from an asylum. She says, "Isn't there something you can do to get the release of my sister from this institution?" She is not insane. This woman was the wife of a very popular man who for years filled important positions in State government. Upon his death, his wife was confined to one of our institutions for questionable reasons.

Here is a boy, 17 years old, whose face is filled with hope and despair. He is a graduate

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YOUTH CONFERENCE

The young people of Minneapolis District are having their mid-summer rally at Anoka on Sunday, August 21 at 3:00 P. M. on the Methodist Church lawn. They will meet at 7th Street and Third Avenue North at 2:30 and will journey to Anoka on the "Toonerville Trolley." A fine program has been arranged for the afternoon. Dr. Raymond J. Chadwick of Hennepin Avenue Methodist Church will be the speaker. The Anoka Epworth League will serve watermelon—all you can eat. Each Leaguer is expected to bring a lunch. Plan to attend this fine meeting. Make it an inspirational afternoon.

MOTION PICTURES

The fine evening audience of last Sunday enjoyed the half hour of moving pictures following the sermon of the evening. These pictures of the Yellowstone National Park and the Alps of Austria were especially appropriate with their snow capped mountains, water falls and rugged scenery because of the hot evening. Every Sunday every Wesley Church will have an interesting moving picture. Be with us next Sunday and see the Glacier National Park.

J. C. Woodward

Dr. Mecklenburg's Tour Schedule

No doubt there are many people who would be interested in the schedule which Dr. Mecklenburg has outlined for his trip into Europe. He left Minneapolis on Monday evening, August 8, arriving in New York City August 10. Leaving New York the same day on the good ship Queen Mary, he arrived in Cherbourg, France, August 15 and expected to be in Paris on August 16.

From here he will fly to Nuremburg, Germany, arriving there on August 17, then going to Czechoslovakia arriving at Cheb on August 18. He will remain in Czechoslovakia until August 27. On August 28 he will travel into Germany where he will remain until September 4, then go on to Rotterdam, Holland, where he will be on September 5. On September 6 and 7 his address will be London, England, in care of the Waldorf Hotel. No doubt many of his friends reading this will want to write him at this address. Your cards and letters, no doubt, will be greatly appreciated. Leaving Southampton, England September 7 on the S. S. Aquitania, he will arrive in New York on September 13. You can also address him at the Prince George Hotel, New York City.

Dr. Mecklenburg is making this an intensive study trip of European conditions, especially of Czechoslovakia and Germany. He will be back in Minneapolis about September 14.

ORGANIST ON VACATION

Mrs. Etta Landry, Wesley organist, is taking a vacation the month of August. Gayle McElrath is taking her place at the organ.

HOME ECONOMICS PROGRAM COMPLETE

Two Beautiful Electric Ranges To Be Sold At Auction

The women folks who are interested in better home-making and, especially in the preparation and preservation of food will have an opportunity to hear some interesting facts delivered by expert authority on the afternoons of Sept. 1 and 2 at a cooking school given under

Mrs. Louis Hanson
President Woman's Guild

the auspices of the Woman's Guild and under the direction of J. C. Woodward, "Round the Kitchen" columnist for the Wesley News. A demonstrator from Northern States Power Co. will give the talks and do the cooking.

Many fine prizes will be awarded and a large attendance is anticipated.

The whole and complete program for the two day event will appear in next week's issue.

Missionary Society

Wesley Church is not forgetting what John Wesley said: "The World is My Parish," for there are six active missionary societies in Wesley and every one doing a great work in promoting the spirit of giving, in keeping the people informed on world conditions and needs, responding to the special appeals that come from the missionaries, and in every possible way helping to bring the gospel of Christ with all that it means to all the people of the world. Mrs. A. Y. Merrill is the president of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. Mrs. F. G. Allen is at the head of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Frances Stokes is president of the Mary L. Cobb Missionary Society. Jean Dustin is president of the Queen Esther "Standard Bear-

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LITTLE WORLD'S FAIR AT WESLEY

Dr. Mecklenburg Writes From Europe About Trip

Many and stupendous are the marvels of our mechanized mass production age. I verily believe the greatest single piece of modern miracle is Queen Mary, the largest and finest ship ever built.

I know ships. I have sailed the seven seas. I know the Atlantic ocean, having crossed it eleven times, but I must admit that I stood aghast like a tenderfoot at sea when I walked about Queen Mary.

Many of the readers of Wesley News have slight knowledge of ships, so I will give them some facts and details that may be of interest.

You have heard about the speed—that's been advertised too much. The sea journey is over before you begin. Yes, the speed is nearly thirty-five miles per hour. The last trip over took only 3 days and 22 hours.

But it is not the speed that makes me marvel. That speed is expensive. It cost 1,000 tons of oil a day. And besides, it is too bad to be in such a rush when on [illegible] I'm amazed at the restfulness, the quietness, the lack of quivering and, beyond all else, the convenience and beauty of Queen Mary.

With a tonnage of 81,255, a length of 1,019 feet and a width of 118 feet, I marvel at her streamlined and maidenly beauty. The ship is so neat it does not look large. The height is 135 feet with twelve decks. From keel to masthead is 234 feet. Some one might compare these heights to Wesley Temple Building or to Wesley Tower.

There are staterooms for 1,995 passengers, and yet it is so roomy that it does not seem like many people around. The total deck space is 122,000 square feet, twice the area of a football field. One room is 160x112 feet, and three decks high. There are swimming pools that would be the envy of the best High School building. It is really a little city with stores, toy shops, ice cream and candy shops, and even a tailoring establishment. Telephones connect all rooms and the world. I sat with a man telephoning today from mid-Atlantic to Chicago. He talked too much. It cost him $12. Too bad a business man can't let his office alone for three days.

And you ought to see the kitchen with capacity for three thousand persons, for passengers and crew; and the play rooms for the children, gymnasia for the fat, libraries for the intellectual, and lounging rooms for the lazy. And of course, deck chairs for those who love outdoors and the sea.

But all I have said so far fails to give you any appreciation of the beauty of this fairy ship of the seas. There is here a rich and subtle varied magnificence that is simple and grand at the same time. Yes, I believe ships and folks can be simple and grand at the same time. Indeed, simplicity is the royal road to grandeur. The ship is done in wood, and such wood I never saw before. Thirty-six varieties of wood from the ends of the earth. Never was a ship created like this before in natural wood. It is using the simplicity of nature to create beauty.

I can't begin to describe these woods, I can only feast on them. There is the sycamore, glorious English sycamore panels with a hint of platinum in their sheen, set off by Australian walnut, both woods with the grain horizontal. Then the tiger oak, the Canadian birch, Indian laurel wood and Macassar ebony. Wood here, wood there, and here is a fishing scene on one wall, made of rare veneers.

But I have forgotten the sea. It is the same old sea that Leif Erickson and Columbus sailed. And the same storms. It has rained and stormed all the way across. (Good thing Corrigan did not try to cross this week). And yet I have not seen one seasick person. I said we have the Atlantic Ocean. I have just read "Insanity Fair" by Douglas Reed, an English newspaper correspondent. Some book on an insane age! When I finished the book I said, "Thank God for the Atlantic Ocean". We might also say, "Thank God for the Pacific Ocean". And yet I know I should not say that. The woe of the world should be the concern of every child of God. It's God's children in God's world that's gone crazy. And I cannot glory in American isolation. I wonder what we shall make of our splendid isolation.

Our day knows how to build Queen Marys, but do we know how to manage civilization?

Well, so long and good bye. Write you more from Paris.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETINGS

The young people of Wesley Church have not taken a vacation this summer so far as having good meetings is concerned. Last Sunday evening the ladies parlors were crowded with a fine group who heard Rev. Soltau's nephew, the Rev. Melvin Soltau, give an address on "When Does Life Begin?" Next Sunday evening the meeting will be in charge of the Epworth League group and the speaker will be Miss Virginia Leigh-Colvin, State Corresponding Secretary of the Youth Temperance Council of New York City. Her subject will be "The Sky's Our Limit". The leagues will be back in full swing the second Sunday in September and they want all the young people of the Wesley district to come and join with them in the happy relationships of "Youth at Work for God". They will be looking for you next Sunday evening at 6:30 p. m. in the Ladies parlors, second floor of the Wesley Temple Bldg.

NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR '39
Administration Building, World's Fair, New York.

August 16, 1938.

Mr. C. L. Self,
THE WESLEY NEWS,
1325 First Avenue South,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Self:

Mr Grover A. Whalen has forwarded to this department the letter you addressed to him on August 12 in requesting material to be placed on display at your "Little World's Fair". In response to that request we are forwarding, under other class postage, a large selection of news releases, pamphlets and photographs which we think will aid in making a presentation of the New York Worlds' Fair.

Thirty-seven photographs are included in the consignment. Inasmuch as this is one of the largest consignments of photographs ever sent out by these offices, we are trusting that you will return them to this department when you have finished with them.

It is just possible that a member of this department will visit the "Little World's Fair" on September 1st or 2nd.

The Fair is appreciative of your interest and expression of cooperation. If we can be of further assistance to you or if the supplies do not meet your need, do not hesitate to address this department at your convenience.

Very truly yours,

Perley Boone, Director of Press.

NORTHERN MINNESOTA CONFERENCE

Wesley Methodist Church members through the cooperation of the churches of the Minneapolis District are entertaining the Northern Minnesota Conference which will be held from September 26 to October 5. Bishop J. Ralph Magee will be busy in other parts of the country holding annual conferences and has asked Bishop H. Lester Smith to preside over our Conference. The ministers and their wives will be entertained on the Harvard plan—lodging and breakfast free. The ladies of Wesley Church are making big plays for two big meals each day at a very nominal cost. We will be giving you more information regarding the set-up of the Conference and the program in the near future.

GUEST MINISTER NEXT SUNDAY

Dr. Harland C. Logan, pastor of the St. Cloud Methodist church will be the speaker both morning and evening at Wesley Church. Dr. Logan is a good preacher and will speak on the subject, "The Things which Remain" and "Respectable Failures". Rev. Henry J. Soltau will be in Dr. Logan's pulpit for Sunday morning.

Dr. William C. Lee, executive secretary of the Board of Pensions and Relief occupied four minutes Sunday morning in presenting the needs of this great board. He gave an interesting talk and no doubt there will be many of the good people of Wesley Church who will want to make a contribution through the regular budget for this great and worthy cause. Dr. Lee has been an active minister in the Northern Minnesota Conference for many years. He was the District Superintendent of the Litchfield District for seven years and is now devoting all of his time in promoting interest in the care of the retired ministers.

AT WESLEY CHURCH

Marquette and Grant Street

Sunday, August 28

Sermon Sunday at 11:00 A. M., by Rev. Harland C. Logan

"The Things Which Remain"

Sermon Sunday Evening 7:30 by Rev. Harland C. Logan

"Respectable Failures"

Thrilling Moving Pictures

Grand Canyon and Yellowstone Park

Moving Pictures

Last Sunday evening the crowd was thrilled with Mr. C. E. Peel's moving pictures of the Grand Canyon. Next Sunday evening Mr. Peel will give us a half hour of moving pictures he took in Yellowstone and the Glacier National parks.

Horseshoe Tournament

August 17, 1938

Mr. H. G. Axland is still in first place for the season. These men enjoy real competition and will welcome new faces out at the park.

	Games	Pts.	Rgrs.	%
H. G. Axland	22	710	206	29
H. E. Ellis	34	933	221	24
E.W.Sandberg	39	908	207	23
Ray Trautman	45	11 4	246	22
John Miller	31	707	119	17
A. L. Lindahl	6	79	13	16
C. W. Mattson	32	334	530	16
Rev. Soltau	6	54	5	10
V. A. Cantley	3	60	7	12
Dr. Rieke	23	409	43	11
Chas. Briggs	3	27	3	11
Harry Cobb	18	309	18	9

September 1 and 2

COOKING SCHOOL WILL ALSO ATTRACT WIDE ATTENTION

Sparkling with all the brilliancy of a miniature metropolis, and fading into a soft, bewitching glow, accented by the phantom-like spectrum of heavenly bodies, the "Little World's Fair" will open the door to a new avenue of personal contact with buyer and seller.

Using as its central theme the heart of the big World's Fair, and combining a goodly portion of the plans with our own State Fair, an elaborate indoor replica, in miniature, of these two outstanding extravaganzas will afford the background to a program of music, art and pageantry that will long be remembered by those who attend this two-day exhibition at the Wesley Gym on September first and second.

The afternoons will be given over to the Woman's Guild for the promotion of home economics. Under the direction of J. C. ('Round the Kitchen) Woodward of the [illegible] and featuring Mae Johnson, Home Economics expert of the Northern States Power Co., the program will be efficiently carried thru with highly interesting demonstrations in cooking and canning.

Mrs. Louis Hanson, Guild President, assisted by her able staff of District Chairmen, will have complete charge of the concessions booth and assist in attendance registration during the afternoons. No admission charge will be made for this portion of the Little Fair.

At 7:00 o'clock each evening, the doors will be opened for the entertainment program, for which an admission of 25c will be charged. Children under 16 must be accompanied by their parents with the same admission fee for all children as for adults.

An outdoor exhibition by the American Legion Auxiliary Drum Corps will start the evening show.

After the formal ceremonies the booth exhibits will be the center of attraction where novel displays and demonstrations will be interspersed with vocal and instrumental music, tap and ballet and the Treasure Chest opening will be heralded by a clown band

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MISSIONARY SPEAKS TO SUNDAY EVENING CROWD

Dr. Fred M. Perrill who for thirty-two years has been a missionary of the Methodist church in India was the speaker at the evening service at Wesley Church last Sunday. Dr. Perrill made a great impression on the fine audience that greeted him and thrilled them with his message. He gave his listeners a wonderful description of the classification of the three hundred and fifty millions of people in India, their religions, etc. His story of the "Outcasts", the "untouchables" and the "Depressed Classes," and how these millions are struggling for a solution to their life problems was an inspiration to the missionary minded to give even more of their money and thought to these needy people.

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MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

WESLEY YOUTH PLAN BIG RALLY

LITTLE FAIR OPENS TWO DAY PROGRAM

Former Governor of New Mexico congratulates Miss Bryant and expresses regrets that he cannot join us in our celebration.

Encino, New Mexico,
August 25th, 1938

Miss Kathryn Bryant
901 West 36th Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Miss Bryant:

Your very kind letter came to me this morning, and note that you are planning on big things in your state. I wish that it were possible for me to be able to go but conditions art such in a business way that it would be impossible for Mrs. Dillon and myself to leave here this fall. We certainly thank you for remembering us, and I am sure that we would have a wonderful time were we able to attend the Little World's Fair and the Minnesota Fair.

Again thanking you for your kind letter and invitation, and wishing you the best of everything. Mrs. Dillon wishes to be remembered to you.

Yours very truly,
R. C. DILLON.

Opening with a Home Economics Demonstration under the auspices of the Wesley Guild and supervised by Mae Johnson and Mary Louise Loomis of the Northern States Power Company the "Little World's Fair" will get under way at 2:00 P. M. Thursday, September 1st.

Mr. J. C. Woodward will direct the program and have charge of the general arrangements. His experience in this field embraces many years of training and we are looking forward to two highly interesting and entertaining afternoons, especially for the ladies.

Mae Johnson and Mary Louise Loomis will incorporate a bit of human interest comedy-drama in their technical program which is bound to attract a large number and will be something entirely different from the usual run of cooking schools.

The evening entertainment program will be complete with a well-balanced billing of instrumental and vocal numbers, interspersed with magic, comedy and costumed acts, all blending into a central theme of pageantry.

Miss Bryant, her assistant, Miss Lillian Hamilton, and the entire cast, as well as the parents of those taking juvenile parts, have spent tireless hours in preparation of a program that will find its way into the hearts of all who attend.

The exhibitors have planned attractive displays for the ap-

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NEXT SUNDAY AT WESLEY

Next Sunday morning Rev. Henry J. Soltau, associate pastor, will bring a message on "What do we Think About Jesus?" In the evening Dr. J. Raymond Chadwick, pastor of the Hennepin Ave. M. E. Church, will preach on the subject, "The Master Workman". We will have our full choir next Sunday. Following the sermon there will be moving pictures on Palestine, scenes of the River Jordan, Sea of Galilee, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and the Crucifixion. We will also have the Kentucky Jubilee Singers on the silver screen with three great negro numbers, "My Old Kentucky Home", "Swing Low Sweet Chariot", and "Great Morning". This will be a new feature in musical productions. You are invited to spend next Sunday evening at Wesley Church.

WESLEY CHURCH ORCHESTRA

The Wesley Church Orchestra has had a two months vacation but will swing back into action next Monday evening for their first practice and organization. Mr. Victor Rupp, who has had charge of the music in the Windom high school the past 3 years will direct Wesley Orchestra during the fall and winter months. The members of this group want to extend a most cordial invitation to all lovers of music to join the Wesley Orchestra, which will meet at 7:30 Monday evening, Sept. 5th in Wesley Temple Ladies Parlor.

VISITING MINISTER

Dr. H. C. Logan, minister from St. Cloud, was the guest speaker at Wesley Church last Sunday morning and evening. He delivered two excellent sermons on timely subjects, "Things Which Abide" and "Respectable Failures". The Wesley Quartet sang two beautiful Anthems, "Tarry With Me" and "Come Unto Me". Reuben Holmquist's solo, "Just For Today" and Edwin Fritzen's great number, "The Blind Plowmen" were enjoyed by the fine crowds which attended both morning and evening services.

REHEARSE FOR SHOW

Cast Prepares for 'Little World's Fair'

—Tribune Staff Photographer.

Blanche Palmer, left, and other members of the "Little World's Fair," left to right, Florence and Barbara Steichen, Joe Malat, Lyle Pittman, Francis Malat and Audrey Boulay, rehearsed Monday night in preparation for the performances Thursday and Friday nights at the Wesley Temple gymnasium.

A Letter From Dr. Geo. Mecklenburg In Europe

LIES AND FEAR RULE WORLD

Dr. Mecklenburg writes from Prague, Czechoslovakia, August 21, 1938.

Somebody with penetrative insight said that just now when the world has the radio, newspapers, telegraph and every means of communication just now when the world has every means for saying something, it has nothing to say. There is no message worth saying.

I can now say in the same mood that just now when the world needs truth so badly there is no truth. Every nation purposely and artfully lies about the other nations. National propaganda is one mass of misinformation.

So I find as I go from one nation to the other that the common people who are personally honest are so misinformed about the world that they become tools for lying propaganda. For example, I conversed for two hours with a Methodist pastor in Germany and came away with a sickening feeling of the helplessness of it when the best educated fall for the lies of the nation's propaganda.

I find Czechoslovakia is as badly informed about Germany as Germany is of Czechoslovakia. Europe has the strangest misinformation about the United States. In a paper yesterday, on the half of the front page was a gruesome picture of mobilization in America. The man on the street jumps at the conclusion America is an armed camp ready to pounce on the rest of the world. We are fed by the spoon, like babes in a big bad world.

I can think of no greater service to be rendered just now by the Church of the Prince of Peace than to become an international

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Wesley Sunday School

Wesley Church never closes its Sunday School but during the summer vacation months many of our people are away and the attendance is greatly reduced. We want to have all the officers, teachers and scholars back in their places on Sunday morning, September 11th, at 9:45 A. M. Mr. Walter Johnson, the superintendent, is calling a Sunday School Board meeting for Wednesday evening, September 7th, at 7:30 to meet in the pastor's study. Mr. Johnson and the teachers have some fine plans. A number of the classes are working on special opening features that will be of special interest to

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AT WESLEY CHURCH

Marquette and Grant Street

Sunday, September 4

Sermon Sunday at 11:00 A. M., by Rev. Henry J. Soltau.

"What Think Ye of Christ"

Sermon Sunday Evening 7:30 by Dr. J. Raymond Chadwick

"The Master Workman"

Thrilling Moving Pictures

Kentucky Jubilee Singers

Youth Council

A very enthusiastic meeting of the Youth Council was held in the Wesley Temple Parlors on Tuesday evening, Aug. 30, for the purpose of organizing the three youth groups of Wesley Church for a great Youth Rally and forward movement in young people's work, covering a wide range of activities. Miss Anna Nelson acted as chairman in the absence of the president, Miss Mildred Lessin. Reports were read from all the departments and committees appointed. It was unanimously agreed to have the three young people's groups meet on Sunday, September 11th for their first fall meeting and to make Sunday, Sept. 18 a big rally day, with social hour and luncheon from 5 to 6 and a one-half hour of devotional worship from 6 to 6:30 after which the young people will go to their different groups for their evening discussion hour. The Forum will meet above the church office, the Epworth League in the Wesley Temple parlors and the Wesleyan League in the Whatsoever Room. A special committee was appointed to work with the different departments in drafting resolutions for the purpose of determining the plans and policies for the youth of Wesley Church and their relations to four major problems. First, to consider the athletic and recreational life of the young people; second, their social privileges and obligations to the community; third, their educational and religious discussions for Sunday meetings, and fourth, the spiritual realities of a personal experience in the light of practical Christianity. A special study will be made of Wesley Church and how the young people can relate their work to the many activities of this great organization. Special efforts will be made to contact the High School and other centers where young people gather for self improvement. It was the judgment of the council that many more young people can be attracted to Wesley Church with its varied programs. The meeting was one of intense interest and feeling, as the youth faced up to the problems of today.

New Feature In Movies

Next Sunday evening Wesley Church will have a new feature in Moving Pictures when we will hear and see the great Kentucky Jubilee Singers in three of their old plantation songs. We will then take a trip through Palestine, up the Jordan River, over the Sea of Galilee, travel in Jerusalem and to Calvary where Jesus was crucified. Wesley Church extends a big welcome to the public. We want you to feel at home in Wesley church even though you may not be able to give.

Girl Scouts

Troupe No. 39 of the Girl Scouts, ages 13 to 16, are in need of a leader. They want a young woman over 21, who is fond of out-door sports to take charge. Any one interested in Girl Scout work will find this most interesting and can accomplish splendid results with these young girls. Please call Mrs. Torman, Ken. 3694, for full information.

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WESLEY METHODIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A BIG SUNDAY AT WESLEY THE 18TH

Four Major Features In Big Fall Opening

Sunday, September 18th, will be a red letter day at Wesley church when we will celebrate the return of Dr. Geo. Mecklenburg from his thrilling trip into Europe, in a great Sunday morning and evening worship reception. You will not want to miss the message which Dr. Mecklenburg will give on that Sunday.

The Sunday School will have their Grand Fall Opening on this day, when all the officers, teachers and scholars will be back in their places to take up the wonderful work of learning more about the Bible and its application to the problems of life.

The Young People of the church will have their Fall Rally in a great Fellowship hour and luncheon from five to six o'clock, followed with a devotional half hour in the church auditorium, after which they will go to their differ-

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Bishop Magee's Conference Dates

BISHOP J. RALPH MAGEE

No one can appreciate the heavy schedule our Methodist Bishops carry without seeing their programs and the many appointments they have all over America. The following Conferences that Bishop Magee will preside over up to November is only a part of the many speaking engagements he has on his books. You will be interested to know where our Bishop will be during the next few months and

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WESLEY'S MISSIONARY WOMEN

We take pleasure in presenting one of Wesley's active missionary women Mrs C. W. Hall in our "Appreciation Column" this week. Mrs. Hall has been a member of Wesley Church for forty-nine (49) years. During this time she has had many responsible positions, the most outstanding is that of the treasurership of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Minneapolis Branch. She was elected to this office at a meeting held in Wesley Church in 1895. The first year of her official connection with the Branch was the thirteenth in its history. The mon-

MRS. C. W. HALL

ey which she handled amounted to $7,807.00. Since that long ago day the income has increased greatly, reaching at one time the great sum of $60,680.00 for a single year.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES HAVE MEETING

An interesting meeting of the Board of Trustees and the special House Committee was held in the pastors study last Wednesday evenng. Special action was taken relative to improvements in the church and other matters preparatory to entertaining the Annual Conference. The Annual Church Meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, September 21st.

MOVING PICTURES

Next Sunday evening we are introducing a new feature in Moving pictures when we will have the Kentucky Jubilee Singers with us and also the Voice of Experience in a new series of talking moving pictures. The Voice of Experience is the most popular broadcast in America and these pictures vividly describe some of the most touching human interest stories ever produced in movies. The first will be "A Fathers Sacrifice." Come to Wesley Church next Sunday for an evening of religious inspiration.

LITTLE WORLDS FAIR

We want to take this opportunity to thank all the business men who so generously suported the set-up of the Little World's Fair put on in the Wesley Temple Gymnasium on September 1st and 2nd. The exhibits representing the advertisers in the Wesley News was a great success. We are sorry that the crowds were not larger but we feel sure the business men understand how difficult it is to get people inside of any building this

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ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

Wesley Church will have its Annual meeting on Wednesday evening, Sept. 21st. Dr. J. Arthur Rinkel will preside at this meeting and hold the 4th quarterly conference. All the departments of Wesley Church will give written reports and the whole membership of the church is urged to attend this meeting. Dr. Mecklenburg will be home by that time and we want to have a good crowd.

CONFERENCE AT WESLEY

The Northern Minnesota Conference which meets at Wesley Church, September 27th, 1938, will have one of the outstanding lecturers of the country in the person of Dr. Joseph M. M. Gray, Chancellor of The American University of Washington, D. C. Dr. Gray will speak each afternoon of the Conference using for his subject four of the outstanding problems of today, namely: "The New

DR. JOSEPH M. M. GRAY
Northern Minn. Conference Lecturer

Frontier," "The New Renaissance," "Recovering the Old Traditions" and "Renewing the Old Evangel." On Friday night Dr. Gray will give the popular Conference lecture. His subject will be "Ghosts!" Dr. Gray is thought of in the east as one of the most popular platform speakers.

Dr. Mecklenburg Writes Two Interesting Letter

Take the map of Europe. Shut your eyes, put your finger on the centre of the map, and you have Czechoslovakia.

It is said to be the sore spot of the world. That's why I came here. I wanted to know why the world affairs writers all agree it is the place where the next world war will start.

Now that I am in Czechoslovakia and have had two very fine days in the capitol with the Minister of Propaganda, I am prepared to say it is the sore thumb of Europe, but a sore thumb never

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BISHOP H. LESTER SMITH

We are presenting Bishop H. Lester Smith of the Cincinnati Area who will be the presiding Bishop at the next session of the Northern Minnesota Conference in the absence of Bishop J. Ralph Magee.

NEXT SUNDAY AT WESLEY

The Minneapolis District Superintendent, Dr. J. Arthur Rinkel, will be the preacher at Wesley Church next Sunday morning at 11:00 A.M. He will speak on the subject, "Christian Preparedness." We want you to come to this service and get acquainted with Dr. Rinkel.

Sunday evening at 7:30 P.M. Rev. Henry J. Soltau, Associate pastor, will speak on the subject, "The Attractiveness of Worldliness." The Wesley Chorus Choir will sing both morning and evening and beautiful Moving Pictures will be thrown on the silver screen with the Kentucky Jubilee Singers and The Voice of Experience as a special feature. You are most cordially invited to come to Wesley Church next Sunday.

MONDAY MINISTERS MEETING

The first fall meeting of the Methodst Ministers Association will be held at Wesley parlors, Monday, September 12. The Conference program will be reviewed and reports will be presented by the committees on Entertainment, Worship, and Music.

Plans are progressing rapidly for the entertainment of the 44th Annual Session of the Northern Minnesota Conference. Bishop H. Lester Smith of Cincinnati, Ohio, will preside. The conference will be of especial interest this year because of the election of delegates to the special unting conference session which will weld the three branches of Methodism into one great church. The Northern Minnesota Conference will send two ministers and two laymen to this conference. Much interest is being manifest in the selection of these delegates because of the serious nature of the problems to be faced and solved.

YOUNG PEOPLE TO HOLD SUNDAY RALLY

All of the Youth organizations will begin the fall program on Sunday, Sept. 18th, with a Fellowship hour in the down stairs dinning room at 5:00 P.M. Worship service in the Church Auditorium at 6:00 P.M. and the discussion groups at 6:30 P.M. The Wesleyan League will meet in the Whatsoever Room. The Epworth League in the Ladies Parlor on the 2nd floor of the Wesley Temple Bldg. and the Forum in the Baraca Room over the church office. All the young people of Wesley church and the community are most cordially invited to come to these meetings.

WESLEY GUILD MEETING

The Wesley Guild will have their first fall meeting on Wednesday, September 14th, 1:30 P.M. in the Ladies Parlor. All the women of the church are invited to come to this meeting. A delicious luncheon will be served at 12:30 P.M.

At Wesley Church

Marquette and Grant Street

Sunday, Sept. 11th, 1938

Sermon Sunday at 11:00 A.M., by Dr. J. Arthur Rinkel

"Christian Preparedness"

Sermon Sunday Evening, 7:30 P. M., by Rev. Henry J. Soltau

"The Attractiveness of Worldliness"

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DEFECTIVE PAGE

Dr. Mecklenburg Writes Letters

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leads to death. It is the crossroads of the world. And Czechoslovakia is so interesting from so many points of view it is too bad we Americans know so little about it. Why, this land started the religious reformation long before Luther was born. This little nation is a thousand years old in culture, art, and folklore. It is the crossroads of Europe surely. . .

But it is from the point of view of democracy that we are most interested in Czechoslovakia today. Here in the very center of autocratic Europe are 15,000,000 people who for centuries have resisted autocratic control in church and state. So let me first tell you just a bit about the set up of present new Czechoslovakia as chiseled out by the World War. In other articles in Wesley News I will tell of my wonderful days in walking from village to village over this fascinating country.

The Czechoslovak Republic was established on the 28th of October 1918 when portions of the former Austro-Hungarian Monarchy made themselves independent.

The so-called "historical lands" (Bohemia, Moravia and Silesia), which had formed the nucleus of a Czech State more than a thousand years previously, were now united with Slovakia (whose people, the Slovaks, are ethically the close relations of the Czechs) and with the kindred Carpathian Ruthenia into an integral whole. This is the only State, in which the Czechoslovak nation can now live its own, independent life, in common, of course, with the racial minorities wthin its borders.

The total area of the Republic is 140,508 square kilometres, and the population numbers 15,250,000 —a density of 108 to the square kilometre. Thus in area Czechoslovakia ranks 14th among the countries of Europe, 9th in respect of population, and 7th in density. In the West, Czechoslovakia borders upon Germany, and in the East on Poland, Rumania, and Hungary.

From June, 1918, on, the National Council received international recognition of the new State, to its place in the post-War order in Central Europe, to democratic standards and to the general tendency towards peace as expressed by the League of Nations. For Czechoslovakia the Peace Treaties represent the juridical basis of a new international order. On this basis Czechoslovakia has striver with success to adjust her relations with the neighboring states.

Czechoslovakia is a democratic republic at the head of which is a president who must be not less than 35 years of age and elected by Parliament for a term of 7 years. The President is the commander-in-chief of the army, nominates and dismisses Cabinet ministers, and in case of new laws has a right of veto which has suspensory effect. Parliament, known as the National Assembly, consists of two chambers—the House of Deputies (composed of 300 members who must be over 30 years of age and are elected for 6 years), and the Senate (150 members who must be over 45 years of age and are elected for a term of 8 years).

A feature of the Constitution of the Czechoslovak Republic is the responsibility of the whole Govties. The Government is as a rule formed on parliamentary principles, that is, the members of the ples, that is, the members of the Cabinet are chosen from the ranks of the large political parties which accept responsibility for the governmental and State policy, nominate their own candidates at the elections, and put their names forward all together on lists known as "bound lists." The voters have thus merely to choose among the "bound lists" of the different parties, and cannot vote as they like for individual candidates or groups of candidates other than those represented by the lists. The right of universal, equal, direct and secret franchise is enjoyed by men and women alike. In elections to the Chamber of Deputies the voter must have attained the age of 21; in election to the Senate the age of 26. Voting is compulsory and persons who fail to record their vote are liable to a fine. All the big political parties possess a complicated apparatus of organization which touches the interests of the electorate at all points. They own daily papers, hold secretariates and posses strong economic organizations (as, for example, building, production and consumption cooperative societies). It is the practice of the parties to join together in forming political blocs, and these blocs combine to form the government, the so-called Government Coalition.

We must however, remember Czechoslovakia is made up of many nations, Germans, Czechs, Slovaks, Ruthenians, Polanders and Hungarians. Each is supposed to continue its own language schools and have equal rights.

And herein lies the trouble. The Germans in Bohemia, which is the Western State of this new nation, say they do not have a chance, that the Czechs dominate over them. And now that Hitler has become so strong and has taken Austria, the Germans in Bohemia have become obstreperous and very vocal in their demands.

The war danger is that if Hitler comes to the rescue of these persecuted Germans, France and England will pounce on Germany. Then after that no one knows what might happen. It would likely turn into a world war.

But I think Czechoslovakia is merely a sore thumb. It can be healed. There is still some good common sense in Europe.

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A LAND OF COSTUMES

Pastor Goes Off Tourist Paths And Sees Wonders

It was some contrast when I slipped away from the tense politics of Prague to the quiet mountain sides of Hrachste in Slovakia. It was only a railway ride of five hours, but I was transformed into a fairy land. I could hardly believe my own eyes when I saw women coming to the market by the hundreds dressed in the most gorgeous costumes. Although I had read about it in the National Geographic Magazine of August, it was quite another thing to see it in person. I was taken to the Slovak Museum maintained by this little city of 6,000 people. I was amazed at the art of these people. I pretty nearly bankrupted myself taking colored moving pictures of the most colorful people I have seen in the world.

All the Slovak women make their own costumes, and a splendid job they make of them. Even the tiniest little girls walk to church in their gay attire, looking exceedingly proud of themselves as they trot along the stony road beside their mothers or sisters. Under the finely-wrought bodices the women wear those typical Slovak blouses, with big, puffy sleeves. Their skirts, as may be seen from the photographs, are weird and wonderful contraptions. Some of those women must wear at least half a dozen petticoats, and over all they wear a brightly-coloured apron. Around their necks they wear row upon row of glistening beads of the pearl species, which must be mightily uncomfortable in hot weather; but the belles of Zdiar do not seem to bother about the heat. They are out to look their best.

Attractive Headgear

Their headgear, too, is most attractive. Most of them wear white kerchiefs after the fashion of nuns' veiling, tied tightly about the neck and completely flat on top. How this flatness is achieved I cannot imagine; but it certainly enhances the general effect. To see those women kneeling in the little church is a sight never to be forgotten. On the day when we were there the sun was shining brilliantly through the southern windows, and the effect of the light slanting against the women's costumes was really astonishing. The men were mostly in the seats or in the gallery, but nearly all the younger women knelt in the broad aisle in row upon row of radiant beauty.

The men also wear picturesque outfits. They all wear long jodhpur-like trousers, tight at the ankles, and made out of coarse homespun, for all the world like the stuff out of which Irish bawneens are made. Indeed, I noticed one old fellow, apparently poorer than his fellows, who was actually wearing a bawneen, long sleeves and all, who might have stepped straight out of a picture by Charlie Lamb. The majority of the men, however, wore sleeveless jerkins made out of sheepskin with really lovely designs worked in all sorts of colours on the leather. Many of them had seen better days; but some were brand new, and showed all the signs of meticulous care.

Wesley Church

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TO

meet old friends

AND

make new ones

WESLEY CHURCH

Wesley Church is a down town church with a membership of over 3,000 people, and sixty-two different organizations. It has but one big objective, service. Its purpose is to help men "to see Jesus" and to carry out the Divine intention, "not to be ministered unto, but to minister." We want Wesley to be a church of reverent worship, open mind, intellectual freedom, social conscience, spiritual aspirations and human sympathy. It seeks to discover and interpret the meaning of life in the light of the gospel and eternal values. In the essentials of religion we are fundamental, in the non-essentials, liberal. Wesley church desires to be courteous and sympathetic to all who come. We are not an exclusive church. In the language of Jesus we can say, "Who-so-ever will may Come" yes, "Without money and without price" the stranger, traveler, the friendless, the hungry, and the man in trouble. Wesley church with the lighted cross and the open door bids you welcome.

The darkest hour in any man's life is when he sits down to plan how to get money without earning it.—Greeley.

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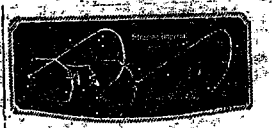

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MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

"HITLER THE JEWS & CZECHOSLOVAKIA"

Wonderful Moving Pictures In Colors

There is no doubt but what Dr. Geo. Mecklenburg will have one of the most interesting and informing lectures he has ever given when he steps onto the Wesley platform on Friday evening, Sept. 23, at 8:00 o'clock, to give his first lecture on the live subject of "Hitler, the Jews and Czechoslovakia." The eyes of the world are focused on Hitler and his attitude to the Jews and the Germans in Czechoslovakia. Dr. Mecklenburg has walked from town to town, he has come up close to these people and will have the last word in information and personal contact with conditions in Europe. We are making special preparation to take care of 3,000 people each evening of the three nights with loud speakers and comfortable seats. You will want to come early if you like to be near to the speaker. The admission will be 50 and 25 cents, but not a cent of it goes to Wesley Church, it is all being used for a very worthy cause. You are invited to come.

WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH

CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT

Wesley Church is providing entertainment (rooms and breakfast) for 75 CONFERENCE guests for September 27 through October 2. Please call the Church office if you can and will provide entertainment.

Northern Minnesota Conference Meet At Wesley Methodist Church

Minneapolis Methodism extends a hearty welcome to the members of the Northern Minnesota Conference, both ministers and laymen, as they come to attend the forty-fourth annual session of the conference, to be held at Wesley Church, beginning Tuesday, September 27 and closing Sunday, October 2nd. The program for the Conference is as follows:

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

7:30 P.M.—Chairman—John Arthur Rinkel
Organist—Etta Landry
Music—Wesley Choir
Director—J. Austin Williams
Greetings—George Mecklenburg, Minister Wesley Methodist Church
Ray Trautman, President Minneapolis Methodist Union
Keynote Address—Bishop H. Lester Smith
(Social hour and refreshments)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

8:30 A.M.—Conference Communion Service
Organist—Etta Landry
Communion administered by Bishop H. Lester Smith, assisted by the District Superintendents and pastors of Wesley Church
9:30 A.M.—Memorial Service—A. L. Richardson in charge
10:30 A.M.—Ministerial Conference Organization—Roll Call
10:30 A.M.—Lay Conference Organization
11:30 A.M.—Committees on Consideration
12:30 P.M.—Luncheons—Boston, Drew, Garrett Served in the Gymnasium.
1:45 P.M.—United Conference Session
Chairman—Mearl P. Culver
Prayer—Frank W. Harron
Organist—Alice Redlund
Guest Speaker—Joseph M. M. Gray, Chancellor American University, Washington, D. C.
Theme—"The New Frontier"
3:00 P.M.—Committees on Consideration
6:00 P.M.—Educational Anniversary Dinner
Chairman—Charles Nelson Pace
Wesley Foundation—Francis W. Hayes
Address—Lucius H. Bugbee
8:00 P.M.—Educational Anniversary
Chairman—Charles Nelson Pace
Concert—Hamline University Choir
Organist—Alice Redlund
Address—H. J. Bergstahler, President Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

8:30 A.M.—Conference Worship Hour
Chairman—Henry H. Lewis
Prayer—Maurice O. Smith
Address—Bishop H. Lester Smith
Organist—Nellie Farrar
9:00 A.M.—United Conference Session—Representatives of various branches of church activity.
12:30 P.M.—Luncheon
1:45 P.M.—United Conference Session
Chairman—Mearl P. Culver
Prayer—Russell H. Huffman
Speaker—Joseph M. M. Gray
Theme—"The New Renaissance"
Organist—Harriet Heath
3:00 P.M.—United Conference Session
6:00 P.M.—Dinner
8:00 P.M.—Chairman—J. Raymond Chadwick
Prayer—Paul G. Hayes
Organist—Frances Topham Schaefer
Music—Joyce Memorial Choir
Director—Leif Andresen
Address—T. T. Brumbaugh, In charge Japanese Wesley Foundation
Address—Frank Herron Smith, Superintendent Japanese Work in America

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

ANNIVERSARY MEETING

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies
Great Hall
Westminister Presbyterian Church

Program

Morning—10:00 A.M.
Mrs. J. Ralph Magee, Presiding
Worship Service—Mrs. E. F. Baumhofer
Christian Missionary Methods in China—Dr. Anna Chow
Offertory Solo—
"Prayer" by Gulon—Mrs. V. D. Whitaker
Accompanied by Mrs. E. W. Perry
Noontide Message—Dr. H. J. Burgstahler
Afternoon—2:00 P.M.
Mrs. Leslie Keyes, Presiding
Building Christian Reserves With the Help of Other Races—Dr. Frank Herron Smith
Offertory Solo—"Grateful O Lord Am I" by Caro Roma—Mrs. H. G. Alden
Prayer and Benediction—Mrs. W. H. Mitchell

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Entertainment For Annual Conference

The Northern Minnesota Conference will be entertained in part by the people of Wesley Church. The committee in charge of finding homes for the ministers and their wives will appreciate the cooperation of the hundreds of Wesley people if you will call the Office and volunteer to furnish at least one room. Do it just as soon as you read this request and make the work of a few people easy.

GO TO CHURCH

The church needs you and you need the church. Keep your Sundays for the great things of the soul. A Sabbath well spent brings a week of contentment. Real happiness is found in right relationships to some church.

Next Sunday At Wesley

Dr. Geo. Mecklenburg is back from his European trip into Czechoslovakia, Spain, Germany, Holland, France and England and will be in his pulpit next Sunday morning and evening. He will preach on the subjects "Take Heed How You Hear" and "There Go The Ships." The Wesley people are making next Sunday a big "Reception Day" in honor of Dr. Mecklenburg's return. The Finance Committee has voted to make next Sunday a big "Pay Up" Sunday. The Sunday School officers have declared next Sunday as the big opening for the fall Sunday School activities in class work and Bible study at 9:45 A.M. The Young people of Wesley are having a big rally at 5:00 P.M. with a fellowship hour and luncheon, at 6:00 P.M. a devotional service in the auditorium of the church and at 6:30 P.M. the "Forum," the "Wesley League" and the Epworth League will have their individual discussion groups.

YOUNG PEOPLE INVITED TO WESLEY CHURCH

Wesley Church, located in the heart of the business section, the amusement centers, and social life of a big city, offers special advantages to hundreds of young people who are interested in meeting the finest groups of their own age. Wesley Church offers a social, educational and religious life that should be of interest to every young person. We also have a program in music, athletics, recreations, dramatics, crafts, clubs, etc., that will take care of almost any interest you may have. The Wesley young people have great times together at week-end outings parties, programs and entertainments. Our gymnasium is a continual round of activities for all who enjoy contests, sports, tournaments, etc. Wesley church provides a religious life for young people that is free from dogmatic theology and creeds. We want you to think for yourself, give expression to a practical application of the teaching and life of Jesus. The Wesley Church young people welcome you into their group. Our motto is "Friendship and Good Will."

PAY UP SUNDAY AT WESLEY

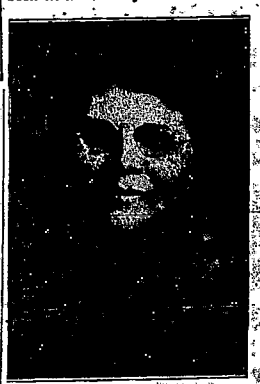
About 800 people still owe something on their pledge to Wesley Church for the current years budget. The finance committee are very anxious to pay all the bills of the church. They can only do this as each person takes care of his pledge. Why not make yourself a committee of one on the finance board to see to it that your pledge is paid in full next Sunday. Shall we make it a great day for the Church Treasurer, the Finance Committee and the Pastors.

WESLEY CHURCH ORCHESTRA MEET

The Wesley Church Orchestra had their first meeting last Monday evening with a fine group present. This musical organization will be directed by Mr. Victor Rupp, a recent music director in the Windom High Schools. Mr. Rupp is Rev. Soltau's son-in-law and is now attending the State Unversity. The orchestra will meet every Monday night at 7:30 P.M. and all interested in music are most cordially invited to join this musical organization.

WESLEY'S MISSIONARY WOMEN

We take pleasure in presenting another personality among the good women of Wesley Church in the person of Mrs. Leon Peel. Mrs. Peel has been a member of Wesley since 1934 and has taken an active part in all the departments of the church. Her major field has been in missionary work. She was



MRS. LEON PEEL

born in Long Point, Ill. Finished her grade school and High school education at Pontiac, Ill. Came to the University of Minnesota in 1909 and graduated in 1913. After her graduation Mrs. Peel became a member of the faculty of Parker College where she taught for four years. In 1918 she was made dean of women at the University of South Dakota where she remained until 1920, since that time she has been actively engaged in Missionary work with a wide range

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HITLER AND TRAGEDIES OF EUROPE

Dr. Mecklenburg To Speak On Czechoslovakia, Hitler the Jews And Killing Protestants In Spain

THE SAME ADDRESS FRI. SAT. AND MON. AT WESLEY CHURCH

No lecture has ever been given in Minneapolis that has evoked more interest than the lecture that Dr. George Mecklenburg will be giving in Wesley Church next Friday, Saturday and Monday evenings, on the three major tragedies of Europee.

Last Sunday, in an evening address, Dr. Mecklenburg said that he attended the opera in Paris and heard a magnificent presentation of Shakespeare's "Othello". This opera is a tragedy. The ending is especially tragic. Othello who suspects his wife of infidelity kills her. Then he finds that she is innocent and in terrific remorse he kills himself, and his body falls over his dead wife. There is no more tragic scene in any opera.

Dr. Mecklenburg said that this tragedy in the opera seemed to him tame and insipid and so utterly unreal that he would not want to see tragedy played on the stage any more. He said it was because he had seen real tragedy that he did not want to see tragedy played any more.

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PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

Mr. Franklin D. Roosevelt came into our state a few days last week not as the President of the Unted States but as a citizen burdened down wih the anxiety of his son who had a very serious operation at Rochester. The prayers of a nation went out to Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt in their trouble. After all there is something about trouble, sorrow and anxiety that has a power of uniting the whole world together in a common brotherhood. We rejoice with The Roosevelts in the recovery of their son James and we congratulate the Mayo Physicians for their great surgical skill.

DR. MECKLENBURG RETURNS FROM CZECHOELOVAKIA AND SPAIN

Dr. George Mecklenburg, the patsor of Wesley Church said that last night as he stepped off the train from his trip to Europe that the siuation in Czechoslovakia is very serious but that he hoped that sanity and good will would prevail and that there would be no world war at the present time.

He went on to say that people of Europe or nervous and fidgity and uncomfortable, and he spoke as follows:

"Never before have I seen so much evidence of fear in Europe. The smell of powder is in the air everywhere.

"A Landon newspaper last week

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NORTHERN MINNESOTA CONFERENCE AT WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH, SEPT 27th, OCT. 2nd, 1938

The Northern Minnesota Conference will hold their 44th Session at Wesley Church, Minneapolis, Minn. on September 27 to October 2, 1938. In the absence of Bishop J. Ralph Magee the presiding Bishop will be H. Lester Smith of the Cincinnati Area. The Conference is composed of one hundred and fifty-five active and forty four retired ministers who are serving two hundred and nineteen churches. The active ministers receive a total salary of $261,638 last year. The retired ministers were paid a pension of $16.503. There are also thirty-seven widows of ministers who were paid $10,800 and three children who received $360. The churches received 1035 new members during the year making a total membership for the Conference of 44,137 persons.

There were 403 deaths during the year.

The total amount of money paid for all other purposes was $118,842 making a grand total of $408,143 raised for the year. If each of the 219 churches were paying an equal sum it would amount to $1859. The Northern Minnesota Conference is divided into four distrcts, known as the Minneapolis, Duluth, Fergus Falls and Litchfield districts. Each district has a superintendent. Dr. J. Arthur Rinkel has the Minneapolis District, Dr. Robert N. Burress the Duluth District, Dr. Earl F. Baumhofer the Litchfield District and Dr. Arthur Dinsdale the Fergus Falls District. Bishop J. Ralph Magee is the presiding afficer and has charge of Minnesota North and South Dakota and Wisconsin. Under the Methodist system of taking care of the churches every minister in active relation to the conference is promised a church and every church is promised a minister. There are no vacant churches or idle preachers in the Methodist connection. Each year the ministers meet in annual session at which time every minister must attend and make a report. Another very important part of the church is the Layman's Conference. One delegate is elected form each charge to represent the church at the Annual Conference. These delegates have the same power as the minsters in all matters of legislation. The high point of every Annual Conference comes at the close of the session when the appointments are read by the Bishop. This will be done at Wesley Church a week from next Sunday evening. The general public are invited to all sessions of the Conference.

SUPERINTENDENTS NORTHERN MINNESOTA CONFERENCE

ROBERT N. BURRESS
Duluth District

ARTHUR DINSDALE
Fergus Falls District

J. ARTHUR RINKEL
Minneapolis District

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THE FATE OF MEN AND NATIONS IS LIKE THIS —

THREE DICE. The game is usually played with two dice but Dr. W. J. Mayo, the great surgeon, says that the man who begins to drink runs one chance in three of becoming an alcohol addict, so the cartoonist has allowed three dice for this bout with Fate.

CONFERENCE INFORMATION FOR MINISTERS

To the members of the many committees doing their work at the Annual Conference we are passing this information on to you so that you will know exactly where to meet with your group when you come to Wesley Church

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COMMITTEE ROOMS

Cabinet Room, 212 Wesley Temple
Treasurer, 10th Floor Temple.
Statistician, 10th Floor Temple.
Secretary, Chapel Room 1.
Conference Relations, Chapel Balcony Room 13.
Methodist Book Concern, Chapel.
Ministerial Training, Chapel Balcony Room 6.
Ministerial qualifications, Chapel Balcony Room 7.
State of the Church, Chapel Balcony Room 8.
Stewards, Chapel Balcony Room 9.
Stipend Fund, Chapel Balcony Room 10.

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COMMITTEES ON CONSIDERATION

Spiritual Life, Ladies Parlor in Wesley Temple
Social Action and State of Church, Room 1 in Church Basement
World Service, Room 2 in Church Basement.
Finance, Tenth Floor of Wesley Temple.
Education, Room 11 of Chapel Balcony.
Hospitals, Room 12 Chapel Balcony
Minnesota Temperance Movement Inc. Room 114.

RALLY DAY IN WESLEY

Don't disappoint us. We simply must have you there next Sunday. It's Rally Day! It's for little people, big people, all people. Let every one help to make it a great day. Bring some one with you. Ask your friends and neighbors to come. The program will be unique Bright cheery singing and short speeches. We are counting on you.

When a man has a reputation for telling the truth he doesn't have to prove everything he says.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY

The fall opening of the Wesley Sunday School last Sunday was quite a success with all classes in session and a good crowd for the opening exercises. Superintendent Walter Johnson was in charge of the devotions. Mr. J. Austin Williams directed the music assisted by Wesley Orchestra. Dr. Geo. Mecklenburg gave an interesting talk on a refugee Sunday School he attended in Spain two weeks ago. The school adjourned to their Classrooms for further study of the lesson.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MET AT DR. AND MRS. MECKLENBURG HOME.

On Tuesday evening a fine number of the Sunday School teachers met in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Mecklenburg's for the purpose of making plans for the Rally Day exercises next Sunday and to formulate the teaching courses and program for the coming fall and winter. At the close of an interesting discussion the group were treated by the Mecklenburgs to a fine lunch. Thrilling stories of their summer vacation and souvenirs of Dr. Mecklenburg's trip to Europe were enjoyed by all.

W. F. M. S. OVER THE TOP

It is with great joy that we are able to announce that the Women's Foreign Missionary Society not only made their quota but went over the top. This was made possible thru the generosity of Mrs. Mecklenburg who gave a special thank offering for Dr. Mecklenburg's safe return.

To the many friends who gave so generously, we say a grateful "THANK YOU".

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Schultz and daughter Helen have returned home, after visiting Mr. Schultz's mother and sister in Burlington, Iowa, and Mrs. Schultz's brother and family in Chicago, Ill.

"Expect great things from God attempt great things for God."
Wm. Carey.

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CHRISTIAN CITIENSHIP

Perhaps the greatest need of the hour is to make plain to the world, and to every sincere Christian, a vison of the hand of God in the affairs of men today as we find it in all history. Only by this means can we bring about a spiritual awakening of Christian people, out of indifference, of selfishness, of defeatism, of playerlessness, of narrowness and inaction. . . .

We must realize that our sins of omission are as great as our sins of commission. There is a criminal silence today upon the part of Christian citizens for which God will call us to account. We tolerate all the various evil conditions incident to the drink traffic, when by word, by example, as well as vote, we should register opposition. And when vote is mentioned, far too many citizens are at fault. Abraham Lincoln said, "It isn't the number of qualifiied voters, but the number of qualified voters WHO VOTE, that constitutes the strength of a nation." The Christian citizens who did no vote lost the Eighteenth Amendment. Can they view without self-condemnation the situation in society today.

Our Five-Point Program can be animated only by this fourth Point —Christian Citienship.

PEACE OF WAR

It is not easy to view with optimism the future of our world. The clash of natons, the long, sad tale of depression, the social inequalities, the economic injustices in every nation, would seem to indicate that all efforts to advance the Kingdom of God in the world have failed.

This cannot be true, else Christianity itself is untrue. . . . Peace would come—will come—only with bringing the new era of justness and fairness, the brotherhood of man to which only the influence of the universal Christian Gospel can open the door.

How shall it be done? A favorite saying of Frances Willard abuut peace was "Thetime to work for peace is when there is no war." Education for peace must begin where character s largely determined and ideals are set—in the home.

The teaching of the glories of peace time should surpass those of war time—but where are they specialized or mentioned? Where are peace parades as against military processions? Yes, peace is one more responsbility for the home and for the church.

ASHAMED OF CHRIST

A church member was going upto a lumber camp in the north and a friend said to him: "If those lumberjacks find out you're a Christian, they'll make sport of you." The man went up there, and when he came back his friend said: "Well, how did you get along with the lumber-jacks?" The man answered: "All right. They didn't find it out."

That's the way with so many people who profess to be Christians. They're church members, but a stranger would have a mighty hard time finding it out. The first thing a man does when he joins a lodge is to get a pin, and if anybody says anything about the lodge he will stand up and fight for it; but there are a lot of church members who will see the Church and Jesus Christ insulted and never open their mouths.

—Billy Sunday

PERSONAL CHRISTIAN GROWTH

Most people pride themselves on having a strong mental and physical reserve power but forget that there is a third power, more necessary and more wonderful than either the physical or mental, and that is the spiritual. What a beautiful trinity it is to see three developed so that each one backs up the other in great living. Some of the great ways to grow a strong Christian personality is to have a

"Daily Quiet Hour for Meditation"
"Read books on Religious thought and experience"
"Serious Study of the Scriptures"
"Participation in Worship Programs"
"Daily Prayer habits and Bible Study"

BISHOP HUGHES SPEAKS

Enter the realm of Christ at Whatever point we may, and our questions of gain are met by answers that spell loss! How shall I get? Give! How shall I save? Lose! How shall I live? Die! How shall I be exalted? Be humbled! So goes the tantalizing paradox. As long as we are foreigners to the commonwealth of a spiritual Israel this principle of Jesus is our despair. When we become Christians, does it become our glory? Many millions have said that it does. Real success therefore, lies in the region where we would least expect to find it, even in the region of the Cross.

In Germany the dictator of Economics, Herman Goering, has decreed that every member of the state irrespective of sex; age, occupation is liable to conscription of his or her services for "labor service" to the state at the same pay received for lige services in private life.

DR. MECKLENBURG TO GIVE LECTURE

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said that half of the population of Britain need a treatment for ner-

In this lecture he will depict, in word pictures and in colored moving pictures that he took this summer, the tragedy of Czechoslovakia. Czechoslovakia is the only democratic country in central Europe. It is now about to be slaughtered with a feast of the most gigantic gamblers of the universe.

He went to Vienna for the one purpose of studying first hand how the Jews are being treated. He saw the Jewish tragedy from the inside and has a hair-raising story to tell us at this lecture.

Then he went on to the third tragedy, that of Spain. He studied specially the treatment of Protestants and Protestant ministers. He talked to 19 Protestant ministers' wives whose husbands had been shot down within the last eight months. Some of them had lost their husbands within two weeks. In this lecture, which he will be giving three nights in order to accomodate the crowds. He will give the most vivid pictures ever seen of these three tragedies

You may secure your tickets for this lecture at Wesley Church or if you are downtown, you may secure them at the M. L.McGinnis Piano Co., 17 So. 8th Street. The tickets are good for either one of the evenings and the lecture starts at 8:15 but the music by the famous quartet of Wesley Church will start at 8:00 o'clock.

The wife of the Czechoslovak Counsul of the Northwest, will display very valuable Czechoslovak art work before the lecture for those who care to come early. She will appear personally on the platform in a gorgeous Czechoslovak custom, 250 years old. She will have a group of Czechoslovak singers and actors who will give the folk songs and folk dances of the Czechoslovak people.

We call this a lecture extraordinary. For two hours you will be taken on a breath taking trip and you will then understand the headlines of the newspapers concerning Europe.

COUNTING THE HYMNALS

On Sunday, when we go to church
And hear the preacher say,
"Arise and sing three ninety-five
Our opening hymn today."
We want a hymn book in our hands
That we may sing along
With Wesley's mighty choir
And the church-attending throng.
Where are the books? We wonder
And search around the pew.
We paid for several hundred
And now there seem so few.
Kind friends, since 1935
New hymnals that we bought
Were fifty and six hundred.
Now, that is quite a lot.
Last wek we searched the church all o'er;
Book racks, the shelves, the nooks,
We also looked for pages torn
As we counted all the books.
Alas! Our number falls far short—
A loss of eighty-five.
We've now for Sunday services
Five hundred sixty-five.

Jane

BROWNIE NEWS

Brownie Pack No. 330 will have its first meeting this fall, Friday, Sept. 23rd 6:330 P. M. to 8 P. M. Brownies be sure to come.

Miss Bertha Olson, Brownie Leader, attended the joint meeting of Brownie and Girl Scout leaders association meeting at Hill Acres home of Miss Chant on Monday evening.

A Thought for Today

by

HELEN CANTLEY

"You can steer a ship that is moving, every part of it brought under the power of some impelling force. If it is headed wrong, it can be brought about. You can not do anything with a ship that is drifting—it lies in the trough of the sea, beaten and tossed."

—Charles Reynolds Brown.

Straight for the distant shore heads the mighty ship, driven by strong engines, capable of being kept true to its course because of their power. If suddenly those engines would stop, that great ship would drift. It would have no power to resist storms; it would have no power to push forward; it would be headed NOWHERE.

While crossing the sea of life, it may be that one of these days you and I become conscious that somehow we are drifting, drifting. We find that we have no power to resist the storms of life no power to push forward and accomplish things, that we seem to be headed for nowhere.

Before you and I can get started in a strong way on our course, we must find a power to give us necesary force. We must find God. We need the impelling force of the power of God to give us the courage, the strength, the vision we need to meet life's many storms, to push forward victoriously and do the work before us, to head straight for a glorious SOMEWHERE.

Then you and I can truthfully say with our beloved Paul: "I can do all things in Him that strengtheneth me."

REVISED VERSION

"What little boy can tell me the meaning of "the quick and the dead?" asked the teacher.

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Rev. H. J. Soltau
Wesley Church,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Enclosed find $1 for which please send us your Wesley News. Was pleased to get the copy of Aug. 19th with your and Mrs. Louis Hanson's Pictures.

We were so glad to have Mrs. Soltau ride to Chcago with us—I was sorry when the time came for her to leave us.

We are going to miss Wesley Church and our friends there so very much,—Suppose in time we will have to send for our letters but putting it off for the time.

Kindest regards to you, Mrs. Soltaut and to Shirley,

Mrs. Johe.

Opportunities always look bigger going than coming.

Kalamazoo Gazette

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Dr. Roy L. Smith Writes Letter on Finance

THIS HAPPENS IN WESLEY TOO

Wesley Church closes the fiscal year of the church next Sunday. The finance committee is working hard to go to conference with every bill paid. The following article written by Dr. Roy L. Smith will be read with great interest by our finance committee.

The Blanks were an average American Protestant family, of good character and reasonable earning ability. They had been members of the Methodist Church for a good many years, and though their attendance was rather irregular they did call themselves Methodists in good standing.

The finance committee was having considerable difficulty in meeting the bills that were coming in at the church office and had decided to ask all the people who were not contributing regularly to make some kind of a definite pledge, even though that pledge had to be a small one. It seemed like a business-like way of supporting the church.

In the course of the canvass a couple of the men of the church called on Mr. Blank. They found him in a comfortable home, surrounded by some comforts but no luxuries, and broached the matter of a weekly pledge to the church. He met them courteously, and agreed that the affairs of the church must be conducted in a businesslike way, but said, "My business is in such a condition that I do not feel like making a pledge We will give what we can when as you get the money that is all we are able to attend, and as long that you care. You see, I don't like to make pledges." And that was the best response they could get from him. It was a very pleasant visit, there were no hard feelings, but Mr. Blank did not make any contribution, nor would he give any assurance that the family would be more regular in their attendance at church.

One night, several months afterward, Mr. Blank was awakened by strange noises, and discovered Mrs. Blank in an unconscious state, and deserately ill. She was hurried to the hospital, and early the next morning the pastor of the church was called. He arrived soon afterward and found the family in a terrible state of alarm. There followed a period of prayer, some comforting assurances, and for weeks thereafter the pastor made regular calls in that home.

This little touch wth the pastor had inspired Mr. Blanks with confidence in his judgement, and therefore, when the oldest daughter was in a rather serious difficulty her father came to church and had a conference of more than an hour. The preacher promised to do what he could and was actually able, after a few weeks, to bring about a rectification of some of the conditions that had been so alarming.

When school was out that spring the oldest son of the family graduated from college and was badly in need of work. Without consulting the preacher, he gave his name as a reference, though he had not been inside one of the young people's meetings for nearly a year and was only in church about once in three months. The pastor really knew very little about the personal habits of the young man during the four years of his college course, because the boy had almost completely deserted the church during that time.

The mother of the home recovered from her illness and in the course of time was deeply engrossed again in the work of the club of which she was a prominent member. One day, in the midst of an especially crushing load, the pastor was called by Mrs. Blank who said to him, in a most charming fashion, "Doctor, I have never forgotten what a blessing you were to all of us at the time of my illness, and I am so anxious for the women of my club to meet you. I wondered if you would be willing to speak for us this afternoon. I am awfully sorry that we have no funds to pay you a fee, but it will be a splendid opportunity to meet fine group of wonderful women." And the appointment was made, though it meant the necessity of spending considerable time preparation.

About this same time Mr. Blank asked to be excused from teaching a Sunday School class of boys because he "was sure someone else could be found who could do it much better." Besides, his business took him out of town a great deal, and Sunday was the only day he ever had with his family.

Mrs. Blank was not interested in missions, and did not belong to any of the women's societies, because she wanted to get into something that had a broader outlook.

The young college graduate did get his job because of the recommendation of the preacher but he did not think to write a note to the preacher telling him of the successful outcome of his interview which had been made possible through the preacher's note of introduction

Someone on the finance committee who happened to know a good deal of the story, expressed himself rather freely to his wife." The Blanks are fine people. They have been members of our church for a good many years. But I wonder how they are able to justify themselves. They want the church open when they want to attend but they do nothing to guarantee that it will be open. They want the services of the pastor when they are in need of something, but they do nothing to help keep him on the job, and they cannot be depended upon when he needs the inspiration of a congregation that fills the house. They want him to help them get jobs, but they do nothing to help bear the expense. They want him to help solve problems, but they never help the finance committee solve any problem. They will not make a pledge, but they expect the church to make a pledge to them that its services will always be at their disposal, no matter what their loyalty and helpfulness may be.

Yes, the Blanks wanted the church, but they did not want it to ask them for anything.

DO YOU JUST BELONG

Do you attend meeting and mingle
with the flock,
Or, brother, do you stay at home
to criticize and knock?
Say, do you take an active part to
help the work along,
Or are you satisfied to be the kind
that "just belong?"

Do you ever go to visit that good
brother who is sick,
Or leave the work to just a few—
then talk about the clique?
There's a program scheduled that
we're sure you've heard about,
And we'll appreciate it if you, too,
will come and help us out

So come to our meetings, and help
with hand and heart,
Don't be "just a member", but take
but take an active part.
Just think this over, brother, you
know right from wrong,
Won't YOU be an active member,
—rather than "just belong"?

—Emanuel Luchs

Russia Challenges Religion

By GEORGE MECKLENBURG

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From Chapter 1—"Russia Challenges Religion"

In Moscow, we visited the Leo Tolstoy Museum, a large building dedicated to the memory of the greatest Russian writers. Some critics class Tolstoy with Shakespeare, Dante, and Homer. In this museum we studied concretely the life and the biography of the keenest interpreter of peasant life in Russia. We saw his plow, his workbench, and the harnesses of his horses. We saw many large portrait paintings of this genius of character portrayal.

We had a wonderful guide, more intelligent than most Russian guides. He spoke pretty good English. As he tried to interpret the soul of Leo Tolstoy he waxed eloquent and praised him to the skies. Finally, he showed us ninety-two volumes, the work of Tolstoy. We were much pleased with the earnestness and warmth of the guide's interpretations. He made a profound impression upon us. It was a great hour in our lives.

When he had finally dismissed us and we had gone down to the gate, he called us back as though he had forgotten something. He said: "You must come back. I am afraid I have mislead you. I am afraid I have given you the impression that Leo Tolstoy is the greatest man that ever lived." Then he said, "Three great personalities have lived on this earth, Nikolai Lenin, Leo Tolstoy, and Jesus Christ. These are the three great men of history, but the greatest of these is Lenin."

I could not resist asking the question, "Why?" I said, "Why is Lenin the greatest man of all history?" In clear tones full of conviction this museum director said: "Lenin is the greatest man who has ever lived because multitudes follow him; they implicitly obey his teachings. One hundred and sixty million Russians practice the teachings of Lenin." Then he said something that stung my soul. He said, "But nobody practices Jesus Christ." This was a supremely challenging moment in our lives. There was silence in the Tolstoy Museum for a long, long twenty seconds. We went out of that place hushed. I was stirred. Something took place in my soul. I was fired with the resolve to go back to America and challenge Christians to practice Jesus Christ.

The challenge of those words, "Nobody practices Jesus Christ," kept ringing in my sould until I got back home. I could not get away from them. When I arrived home, I began to try to modify or soften the harshness of that challenge. I began in true homiletical fashion to ask myself if we were not really practicing Christ. I said: "Are we not doing the best we can under the circumstances? What more can we do than we are doing? Haven't we done wonderfully? We have abolished slavery; we are abolishing child labor; we have tried to have temperance and prohibition; we are a decent lot of people; we have fine homes and many nice Christian people." And so I thought on and on about the wonderful progress of Christianity. Religion was revolutionizing all life.

Suddenly it came upon me as a terrific shock that I was merely going through regular sermonizing. I was again explaining away the meaning of Christ's teachings. I read several sermons on Christ by famous preachers. I saw very clearly that the main purpose of these sermons was not to interpret sharply the wonderful gospel of Jesus Christ. Most of the words were devoted to "spiritualzing" the gospel of Jesus Christ and toning it down. We have said again and again in our sermons that "this was not meant to be followed literally, it just had a spiritual meaning." The more I thought about it, the more I became shocked at my own preaching. I became more determined to preach the fresh, original, and startling gospel of Jesus Christ.

Then I came upon a special sermon on Jesus Christ written during the World War by one of our internationally famous preachers. His text was, "He that taketh the sword shall perish by the sword." What an opportunity this preacher had, and what a text this would be just now when the world is again in danger of war! It is as clear a statement against war as can be made. Yet this preacher justified war through this text. He almost had Christ pushing electric buttons and setting off the bombs that killed thousands of the enemy.

We ask why millions have lost confidence in preaching and in our interpretations of Christ. It is that kind of preaching that has done it. We are now preaching Christ more realistically than ever and many wonderful books have been written about Christ during the last ten years, but we are still unwilling to practice Christ in every department of life.

I am absolutely convinced that if the Western world would begin to practice Jesus Christ, civilization could now be saved. For example, Jesus told us that the great, Everlasting Father would take care of us. He told us very definitely not to worry. But do we practice that? As I know Christians, they are worrying just as much as those who deny Jesus Christ. They do not practice that part of Christ's teachings.

Jesus very definitely told us not to lay up treasures where moth and rust will destroy, and yet millions of Christians vied with each other in laying up stocks and bonds that crumbled and became worthless.

Jesus said, "Do good to them that hate you; be kind to your enemies." We have certainly fallen short of practicing that part of the teaching of Jesus Christ.

He told us not to allow the right hand to know what the left hand was doing. When we think of how happy we are when our gifts are heralded on the front page of the newspapers, we realize how far we have failed in Christ's teachings.

It is very clear to me, since coming out of Russia, that humanity will follow somebody Maybe we are at the crossroads. Perhaps if we choose not to follow Christ, we must follow Lenin. It is Lenin or Jesus Christ. Following Lenin means a regime of materialism. Lenin is followed in Russia. Lenin is worshiped. Multitudes pass by the tomb of Lenin in the Red Square day after day to see his dead body.

Lenin's picture is in every window. It is the new ikon in the home of nearly every Russian. Christ has been taken down, and Lenin has been put in His place. You see Lenin's face growing in the very grass of the parks of Russia. He is the new Messiah. The people know him, they love him, they follow him. What a challenge to the Christians of Western lands! Christ is infinitely greater than Lenin. Lenin is the Messiah of a passing moment. Jesus Christ is the Messiah of eternity. When Christ is followed and practiced, we shall have not only economic security; the hunger of the soul shall be satisfied.

To be more specific and definite, what is involved in practicing Christ?

It would certainly mean a mastery of self. Jesus had peace, poise, and power. He intended that we should have what he had. Jesus' power was best attested when He kept silent before Pilate. Jesus was in constant touch with the Father. He tapped eternal resources. Following Jesus means having power to live the life of sacrificial adventure, the power to be crucified.

Following Jesus would mean a new social order. It might be communism, it might be socialized capitalism, it might be something not yet dreamed of. Any system based on justice and equity will work when actuated and motivated by Christ. No system will work without Christ. A new social order under a practiced and practical Christianity would mean security for all. To be even more specific, to me practicing Christ means that I must do my utmost to secure unemployment insurance for labor, pensions for the aged, and a just distribution of the good things produced by our machine age. But is only the very elemental beginning of the riches and enrichments the culture and the blessedness and the fullness and the glory of the kingdom of God on this earth.

Do you now say, "Fine, but idealistic and impossible?" Yes, I admit, Christianity has seemed impossible. Sin and selfishness cut the nerve of ethical sensitivity. Our vision has been clouded. Christianity has been only partially practiced. We have never really tried Christianity.

But is not selfish materialism also impossible? Is it not ruining us? May not the very weariness of the world be the opportunity of Christanity? May not the world depression be the signal for the prophet to proclaim, "The kingdom of God is at hand"? May not the sheer futility of godless living drive us to Christ?

The hour has come for a great adventuring with Christ in rebuilding the world. It is true that Russia was the only place on earth where Communistic revolution could have succeeded. It is equally true that America is the best laboratory for instituting a Christian democracy.

Again I say, the first challenge got in great, turbulent, upheaving Russia was to go home and say to the church: Let us begin really, definitely, literally to follow Jesus Christ."

(Russia Challenges Religion" $1.00 postpaid. Send for copy to Wesley Church, Minneapolis.)

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Speaker—W. E. J. Gratz

7:15 P.M.—Bible Story Telling Contest
Chairman—Fred W. Hill
8:15 P.M.—Mass Meeting
Chairman—Richard A. Forberg
Prayer—Robert Hovda
Organist—Gayle McElrath
Music—Wesley Auxiliary Quartet
Speaker—George Mecklenburg
Theme—"Movie Camera Fan Hoofing Through Czechoslovakia"

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

9:30 A.M.—Conference Love Feast
Chairman—George G. Vallentyne

11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship
Chairman—George Mecklenburg
Sermon—Bishop H. Lester Smith
3:00 P.M.—Ordination Service and Reception of candidates for Admission into the Conference
Organist—Freda Bremer
Music—Minnehaha Choir
Director—Arthur Hovda
8:00 P.M.—Conference Evening Worship
Chairman—John Arthur Rinkel
Organist and Director—Thurle Frederickson
Music—Hennepin Avenue Choir
Sermon—Richard C. Raines
Reading of Appointments and Conference Adjournment

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INFORMATION

Meals—Noon and evening meals will be served in the church from Wednesday to Saturday inclusive by the Wesley Church Ladies' Guild and Circles. The meals will be forty cents.

Post Office—Mail sent in care of the Wesley Methodist Church will be distributed from the registration desk.

Registration—Each pastor should register upon arrival, pay his travel equalization fee, and secure his badge and room assignment. The registration desk will be in the Sunday School Chapel.

Each lay delegate should register at the same place and secure his badge and room assignment.

Thanks—The typewriters for the use of the Conference were provided through the courtesy of the Typewriter Clearing Association.

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LAY CONFERENCE

The lay conference consists of one regularly elected delegate from each pastoral charge.

All sessions of the Lay Conference will be held in the Wesley Temple Auditorium.

The Lay Conference will convene at 10:30 A. M. Wednesday morning for purposes of organization.

MUSIC

The Wesley Choir will be directed by J. Austin Williams, with Mrs. Etta Landry at the organ and will furnish the music for the opening evening of the Conference. The Hamline University Choir will render a concert on Wednesday evening directed by John M. Kuypers. On Thursday evening Joyce Memorial Choir will be in charge of the music under the leadership of Lief Andresen with Frances Topham Schaefer, as organist. The Wesley Choir will have charge of the music again on Friday evening and the Wesley Auxiliary Quartet with Gayle McElrath, organist, on Saturday evening. The Wesley Choir will sing Sunday morning. The Hennepin Avenue Choir, with Thurle Frederickson as director and organist will render the music on Sunday evening.

The fellowship of Methodist ministers is one of the great compensations of our calling and we anticipate your coming to Wesley Church with great pleasure. You will find a force of helpers ready to take care of your every need.

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The Methodist Book Concern will have on dispaly a large variety of valuable books and periodicals. It is desirable that preachers and laymen should spend some of their spare time browsing around the book tables. We suggest that every preacher and layman plan to buy and read a few good books. This display will be in the Sunday School Chapel. Mr. B. M. Petrie of the Chicago Book Room will be in charge.

BY GLENN CLARK

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DR. GEORGE MECKLENBURG
Pastor of Wesley Methodist Church
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dr. George Mecklenburg has just returned from Europe where he made an intensive study of conditions in Czechoslovakia, Germany, Spain and Italy. Dr. Mecklenburg will give his big popular lecture on "Hitler, the Jews and Czechoslovakia" on Saturday Evening, Oct. 1st at 8:15 P. M. The lecture will be illustrated with several thousand feet of colored moving pictures.

Dr. Mecklenburg Returns

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vous disorder. Hospitals and sanitoriums are crowded with nervous patience. But this is not only so in England. It is true in every country.

"Constant fear of war is the cause of this nervousness. Newspapers scarcely have anything else on the front page except war, defense for war and internationalism This is particularly so in Germany and in Italy. Day after day, 90 per cent of the 1st, second or third pages of the paper concern the new crisis in Europe. People have been fed upon this so long and the suspense has been so great that their nerves are now snapping.

"I noticed particularly that the automobile speed had increased appreciateably over the last year when I was in Europe. It is now more dangerous to make crossings on streets oin Paris than in Minneapolis.

"The Europeans were tremendously interested in Roosevelt's Canadian speech. The headlines in Germany, Czechokoslovakia, Italy and France had scarcely anything else the first two or three days after the speech. I saw Roosevelt's picture in the newspapers of Europe. It made me feel closer to home.

"Roosevelt's statement that the Americans would not stand idly by if Canada were attacked profoundly interested all Europe. But Italy and Germany took that statement very seriously. They gave pages and pages of discussion to it. They wanted to know just what it meant and how it effected them if they went to war with France and England.

"In England and France there is, of course, great respect given to the United States and every word of our President. There are, of course, several reasons for this. In the first place, the financial control of England has passed over to American, Therefore, the new deal and domestic policies of the United States are given very great attention. The first and the last thought of the British broker, banker and industrialists are New Work and Washington. They hang over the trans-Atlantic ticker daily and anxiously. It is generally felt in Europe that economic conditions in America are of vital importance to them.

"And then of even greater importance than the economic is the American attitude towards war in Europe. All sorts of predictions are made as to what we would do in the care of war in Europe. The conservative press in London has no hopes of getting America to send soldiers to the next European war. But this press is hopeful that in a crisis we would change our Neutrality Laws to permit the sale of arms and amunition to the democratic countries. They also hope that our Naval policy would be cooperative.

"Germany is doing the biggest piece of bluffing in history. But the war Department of Germany knows that she is not ready to carry on a European or World War now. It would mean the utter and everlasting defeat of Germany. I believe that if the democratic countries would do some masterful counter-bluffing right away, the wind would be taken out of Hitler's sales. If the United States would come out with a definite boast that she would not stand for rough treatment of the Czechoslovakian nation, I believe that the question would be settled in a day. The timidity and the lack of an understanding of the psychology of Europe in democratic countries is the most amazing thing about our day.

"Since getting off the ship at New York, the most common question asked of me is, 'what do the European countries think of America?' and another question that comes next is 'Will there be a world war?' It is rather difficult to say just what Europeans think of Americans. They surely treated me kindly. My passport was a passport for everywhere and everywhere and every thing. Since the war clouds have darkened, France and England have snuggled up more closely to the Americans who are over there. The French are developing intensively the fellow feeling of Republicanism and democracy. The French take for granted almost that the Americans will be with them in their struggle for individualism. The Czechoslovakians think that the Americans are 100 per cent for them. The word 'American' is a passport to the inner heart life of the Czechoslovakian.

"When you turn to Germany we find that the people have a warm feeling for the Americans. The average German feels badly about the way we think of Germany but the German government officials expect nothing but harm from America and the feeling since Roosevelt's Canadian speech is that we are now abondoning our isolation policy.

"Italy is definitely unfriendly to the United States. The Chicago speech of Roosevelt in 1936 about the quarantining of bad nations made Italy an enemy. To youth and to the average man on the street, America is still the land of his dreams."

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With prayer for peace, he will announce
A favorite closing hymn.
Will all men sing? No, just the few
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Jane.

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The Pessimist says, "It can't be done."
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The Pessimist says, "I just did it."

WHAT IS CHRISTIANITY?

In the home, it is kindness;
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In society, it is courtesy;
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DR. MECKLENBURG REPEATS LECTURE

Hundreds Turned Away

Same Lecture Saturday & Monday October 1st, 3rd

Dr. Geo. Mecklenburg will deliver his 4th and 5th lecture on Saturday and Monday evening, October 1st and 3rd, at 8:00 P. M. on the same subject he has been using during the past three lectures, "Hitler, the Jews and Czechoslovakia." The lecture is one of the greatest utterance of the hour on world conditions and especially on the European situation. Many people are saying "it is a revelation of truth we did not know about." Another man said "I have never heard anything like it." Still others are saying "The moving Pictures are worth many times the price of the admission." Dr. Mecklenburg traveled for several weeks from town to town and did much walking in order to get first

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NEW SOCIAL WORKER AT WESLEY CHURCH

Miss Iva Conner, the new worker at Wesley Church, has arrived in the city and will begin her duties on October 1. Miss Conner

MISS IVA CONNER

comes from Fremont, Ohio where she was teacher of religious education in the public schools; she also has served as director of religious education and pastor's assistant in Methodist Churches in Flint and Highland Park, Michigan.

Miss Conner is a deaconess, and has taken a master's degree in religious education at Northwestern University, and also did work at the Garrett Bible Institute. Her duties will be a general assistant in the educational program of the church.

Miss Conner is living at the Tourtellotte Deaconess Memorial Home at 915 E. 14th Street.

Try Prayer. You have tried everything else in the effort to live richly, joyfully, successfully. Give God a chance at your life.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN SESSION AT WESLEY

The 44th Annual Session of the Minnesota Conference is being held at Wesley Church this week. Bishop H. Lester Smith of the Cincinatti Area is presiding. A very interesting program is being carried out with speakers of national reputation appearing on the program each afternoon and evening. Dr. W. W. Gray, Chancellor of the University of Washington D. C. will give his popular lecture on Friday evening. His subject is "Ghosts". On Saturday evening Dr. George Mecklenburg will give his lecture on "Hitler, the Jews and Czechoslovakia". Bishop Smith will speak on Sunday morning and the conference will come to a close on Sunday evening when the ministers will receive their appointments and take up their work for another year.

WESLEY WOMEN'S GUILD

The resume of the work accomplished and activities for the past year of the Wesley Guild shows a very outstanding and successful year.

The guild held eleven meetings and six Executive Board meetings under the efficient leadership of Mrs. Louis Hanson. The District Chairmen and various officers have given their best co-operation.

The first important event of the Guild year was a Smorgasbord given on November 6. At this time Dr. Mecklenburg gave his lecture on "Sweden and Norway".

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APPRECIATION TO WESLEY PEOPLE

In behalf of myself and my people we want to express our deep appreciation for the beautiful flowers the church and young people of Wesley sent us in memory of my mother who passed away on Saturday, September 24th. Your thoughtful kindness and sympathy lessoned our sorrow. Dr. N. E. Moats, Pastor of First Church, Duluth was in charge of the service. It was my great privilege to speak the last words for my dear mother while my six brothers carried her body to its last resting place.

We will not call it death,
'Tis life begun.
The waters are passed
And home is won.
Her ransomed spirit hath reached the shore,
Where they weep and suffer and sorrow no more.
She is safe in her Father's arms above,
In that home prepared by the Savour's love
To depart from this world of sin and strife
To be with God, Yes, that is life.

—Henry J. Soltan, Associate Pastor, Wesley Church

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The Four Leaf Clover class elected its new officers on Rally Sunday. They are: President, Ardella Margan, Vice President, Dolores Williams, Secretary, Correne Chambers, Treasurer, Meredith Rieke.

At the close of the 19th. century the French Academy of Sciences had eighty-five items of discrepancies between science and religion; today not one of those items exist. Rightly understood, there is no conflict between science and religion.

Wesley Temple and Church, the Seat of the Northern Minnesota Conference, holding its 44th Session, will adjourn Sunday Evening with the Reading of Appointments

At Wesley Church

Marquette and Grant Street

Sunday, Oct. 2nd, 1938

Sermon Sunday at 11:00 A. M., by Bishop H. Lester Smith

"The Ministry of Religion to Modern Life"

ORDINATION OF NEW MINISTERS AT 3:00 P. M.

Sermon Sunday Evening, 7:30 P. M., by Dr. Richard C. Raines

"Fear Not To Sow"

Reading of Appointments and Conference Adjournment

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

The Official Board in conjunction with all the departments of Wesley Church met last Wednesday evening, September 21st. to give their reports for the years work. Dr. J. Arthur Rinkel, Superintendent of the Minneapolis District, presided. He opened the meeting with Scripture and prayer and then proceeded to the first item of business which was the nomination and election of Official Board members. Dr. Mecklenburg suggested that all members be reelected for another year. Mr. Paul Joslyn was nominated and elected as a member of the Board of Trustees. The reports made by various Committees and organizations were read and passed on by the Board as being the best in the History of the church, bringing to a completion Dr. Mecklenburg's tenth year in Wesley Church. It was suggested that these reports be printed in the Wesley News from week to week so that all of the members and friends of Wesley Church might have the inspiration and information from these many departments actively engaged in the many activities carried on in Wesley Church. Each week you will find under the heading "Wesley Church Reports" an interesting write-up of some department in Wesley. The first one will be the report of the Ladies Guild and the twelve districts. Dr. J. Arthur Rinkel was loud in his praise of the work being carried on Wesley and compared it favorably with the New York Temple's activities under the direction of Dr. Reisner. The meeting adjourned with the unanimous invitation that Dr. George Mecklenburg be returned for his 11th year as pastor of Wesley Church.

WESLEY CHURCH HAS MANY ACTIVITIES

Wesley Church has been a beehive of activity during the past month in preparation for the fall and winter program. The Sunday School has had their opening and Rally Day exercises with the Sunday School Board Meeting and Teachers Conference. The young people are getting away to a good start for a fall and winter program of varied activities in social life, recreations and religious education. The week-day activities for the church will be carried out with a diversified program in Bible Study, music, dramatics, crafts, entertainment, athletics and religious education. Dr. George Mecklenburg is planning several series of sermons that will be of special interest to the thousands of people who listen to him at Wesley Church and over the air on Sundays.

Young Christians may make mistakes in working for Christ, but they make a greater mistake in not working for him. No failure in making the attempt is so bad as to fail to make it.

Presbyterian Witness

Sherwood Eddy Speaks

RUSSIA, DEMOCRACY AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA

This article is what Sherwood Eddy said when he came out of a study of Europe... You will be interested in comparing this article with what Dr. Mecklenburg will say in his lecture on "Czechoslovakia, Hitler and the Jews", on Friday, Saturday and Monday.

Dr. Mecklenburg and Sherwood Eddy have twice been together in Russia and Europe in study Seminars.

"For eighteen years I have been bringing parties of from fifty to a hundred Americans in the American Seminar to study the situation in Europe.

"Our programme in Great Britain this year included visits to Lord Halifax, three members of the government, Lord Cecil, Lord Lothian, the Dutchess of Atholl, the Archbishop of Canterbury, economists like Laski and Cole, Labour leadrs such as Atlee, Morrison, Sir Stafford Cripps, the Indian nationalist Nehru, then Hailee Salassie and many more. Similar programs were arranged in Paris, Berlin, Copenhagen, Stockholm, Moscow, Warsaw and Geneva.

"You ask what situation I found in Russia, from which country I just came two days ago? I found there a great on going experiment of the first socialized plan of economy on a vast based on the ideal of economic justice. The Soviet Union is titanically building socialism, rebuilding cities, changing the phychology of the peasants, changing the very landscape in collective agriculture, making the masses literate in compulsory primary education with more than 38,000,000 registered in the school system employing science to build a new social order in the first complete revolution in all history. Here we find the first embodiment of a unified philosophy of life in a whole people. When I said to press representatives in Warsaw that this Russian experiment is succeeding and will succeed, one of them said, "I fear the Polish censor will cut this out."

"I found Russia absolutely unique. It is like a new planet. It is the mast fascinating, yet the most irritating country in the world, the most glorious in some respects and the most terrible in others. Among the evils persisting in Russian there were:

"1. The severe abridgement of political and civil liberties in spite of the wording of the new Constitution;

"2. The violence of the continuing revolution shown by the present purge which results in a feeling of tension and suspicion everywhere;

"3. The dogmatic atheism of the Communist Party which is seeking rapidly to "liquidate" religion, a fact which separates Russiia from other more liberal countries.

"I found Russia succeeding economically, slowly and powerfully, in her five year plans. They are very strong in their army, which is unimpaired by the purge, and possibly even strengthened by it. They can fight for twenty or thirty years in a defensive war whereas, in my judgement, Japan and Germany would collapse in economic defeat and revolution within a year in a world war.

"There has been not only a border incident, but a real battle on the Soviet-Japanese frontier. Japan has some ulterior motive behind this incident. She wants to justify the mobilization of the entire nation which she would be ashamed to do against China alone. I have long studied this Far Eastern problem when I was Secretary for Asia of an international organization for twelve years. I was in Mukden on September 18th, 1931 when Japan seized five cities and tore three provices from China. I testified to the League of Nations, the Council and Assembly, which were just meeting, as to the guilt of Japan and the innocence of China. There was a militry plot like the seizure of Austria. In my judgement Japan can fight China for perhaps three years before she goes bankrupt, but she would go bankrupt in about a year against Russia or in a world war. The Chinese are no longer terrorized by bombing. They are united at present as never before and can keep up guerilla warfare for a period of three to fifive years.

"I was in Span also, where I found evidence of a long prepared plot between Franco, Hitler and Mussolini, which was confirmed by the seizure of documents in the Nazi headquarters in Barcelona. I was at Barcelona, Valencia, and Madrid along the Spanish front. I saw the heroic defense of the Spanish people of their democratically elected constitutional Government. People everywhere are indignant at the Non-intervention Committee which has permitted Italy to send over 100,000 troups and German more than 12,000 together with a large number of Moors from Africa.

"Today I find the world menaced by war in the advance of the three Facists powers on the Berlin-Rome Tokio axis. The people in Spain and China are fighting courageously against this advance of Fascism. But it is Czechoslovakia today which stands in the frontline trench, not only for the defense of her own borders, but of all civilization against this chief menace of world war and of the barbarsm of dictatorships.

"I hold in my hand a book entitled "The War Against the West", by Aurel Kolnai, published by Gollancz. It contains 700 pages of quotations from a score of leading Nazi writers beginning with Hitler's Mein Kampf, showing their united attack upon democracy, liberty, Christianity, and the Jews and their defense of war, arrogant nationalism a false racialism, tyranny and the new paganism. They would reduce all conquored peoples to serfs.

"As this is the chief menace of the world, Czechoslovakia has the honour to be the barrier against this flood threatening all civilization. Mobilization of their border on the historic night of May 21st gave courage to the whole world after the retreat of the Great Powers before the advance of Hitler. That bold mobilization, the quickest in history, did more to stop this advance than all diplomacy, notes, alliances, and conferences during the last five years. Hitler has shown his hand by breaking three solemn promises in his invasion of Austria. Reliance can no more be placed on his most solemn pledge. Czchoslovakia has won the admiration of the United States of America, of Great Britain, France, of all democracies and of Soviet Russia. I find it the brightest spot in troubled Europe. It s giving hope and courage to a terrorized world.

"I believe that the wisest policy would be to follow the golden rule in the treatment of all minorities, but to be absolutely uncompromising and unyielding with regard to the integrity of your territory, refusing to place unreliable men in responsible cabinet positions like the three that led the Austrian Government to its full. The army, police and foreign affairs cannot be handled over to any persons who are controlled by a foreign power.

"The whole world knows that this is no mere question of minority rghts. The minorities of Czechoslovakia have received better treatment than the minorities of any country in Central or Eastern Europe. Mistakes have been made, of course, but I know of no country more ready or eager to correct mistakes or to make a more generous attitude towards minorities than this country has done. She should not be coerced by the Great Powers. Ever since 1920 I have considered Czechoslovakia as the most successfully governed country in Central Europe. This has been due to three things:

"1. To th character of the Czechoslovak people as the first and most disciplined Slavic people in Europe.

"2. To President Masaryk, the prophet and father of his country, who laid the moral and spiritual foundations for this free democracy.

"3. To President Benes for his practical statesmanship and courage. These are the qualities supremely needed today.

"In the United States of America we believe that he is the man of the hour that will make all just economic concessions, but no compromise that will endanger this last free Republic and democracy east of the Rhine. The fate of democracy itself is imperilled with her. Not only for the sake of her own destiny, but of all democracy, which is now threatened, I believe Czechoslovakia should never yield to the alienization of any of her territory, nor to her reliance upon Soviet Russia of France for assistance should not be abandoned until the aggressive and warlike nations, whose purposes and deeds now stand revealed in Austria, in Ethiopia, in Spain and in China, have not only made promises and pledges, but shown their good faith by proportional disarmament. Until then the Soviet Union is a far greater guarantee of peace, than is Nazi Germany or Fascist Italy. By their fruits we may know them. For long centuries the Czechs have been battling for freedom against their stronger western neighbors. They have been at war with their fellow Slavs. We do not blame the present Government or Great Britain for trying to avert war at almost any price, nor for seeking a final settlement with Italy or Germany. They may return colonies if they will. But they have no right to sacrifice smaller nations like Spain or Czechoslovakia to appease the ambtions of the war like powers. This brave Republic can do more for world peace by defending its borders, than all the compromises of the Great Powers. The eyes of the World are now upon her."

STOP! LOOK! LISTEN!

There are brakemen enough in the Church to last for many years. They are the people who are afraid the church will move ahead too fast. What we want is more firemen.

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Lend a hand and help
Rally Day.
Make your influence felt,
Rally Day.
Ask your parents to come out
And see what it's all about,
Rally Day, at Wesley.

AT WESLEY IN PREPARATION FOR RALLY DAY

WHAT TO DO

"Push," said the button;
"Take pains," said the window;
"Be straight," said the ruler;
"Stick to things," said the paste;
"Be up to date," said the calendar;
"Never miss a second," said the clock;
"Be sharp," said the scissors;
"Keep clean," said the washstand;
"Keep posted," said the ledger;
"Be well read," said the red ink;
"Absorb everything," said the blotter;
"Rally on Rally Day" said the Rally Day Committee! Get Busy!

RALLY DAY FOR THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

"Bring your Fathers and your mothers.
Bring your Sisters and your Brothers.
Bring your Uncles and your Aunties.
Bring your Grandmas and your Grandpas.
Bring your Friends and your Neighbors.
Bring your Kiddies and your Babies...
No matter what kind of weather.
We will have a fine time together—
And don't you fail to remember
It's the last Sunday in September."

RALLY DAY POEM

Go on, go on, go on, go on;
Go on, go on, go on,
Go on, go on, go on, go on.
Go on, go on, go on.

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ARE YOU POPULAR?

Give yourself a score of THREE of each of these questions to which you can honestly answer "Yes":

1. Can you always be depended upon to do what you say you will?
2. Do you go out of your way cheerfully to help others?
3. Do you avoid exaggeration in all your statements?
4. Do you avoid being sarcastic?
5. Do you refrain from showing off how much you know?
6. If you feel superior to most of your associates, do you refrain from showing it?

LIFE'S LESSON

Learn to make the most of life,
Lose not a happy day;
Time can never bring thee back
Chances swept away.
Leave no tender word unsaid
Love while life shall last.
The mill will never turn again
With the waters that are past.

WORK

Work thou for pleasure.
Paint or sing or carve
The thing thou lovest,
Though the body starve.
Who works for glory
Misses oft the goal,
Who works for money
Coins his very soul.
Work for the work's sake,
Then, and it might be
That these things shall
Be added unto thee.

—Kenyon Cox

THE BIBLE AND WOMEN

We see one of the Methodist Bishops of the Southland advises his three hundred preachers to wear a mustache, for he says it won't be long until you can't tell a man from a woman.

"The woman SHALL NOT wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment; for all that do so are an abomination unto the Lord thy God."—Deut. 22:5.

From Europe comes the news that some of the Arab tribesmen in Asia Minor have gone to war rather than wear a hat, coat and trousers by compulsion. The Persian authorities, it seems, are determined to catch the wild, half-naked tribesmen and at least put pants on them. We shall watch the experiment with considerable interest. If the Persian are successful, we might get them to come over to this country and catch a lot of our women and put skirts on them.

"And behold there met him a woman with the attire of a harlot and subtle of heart."—Prov. 7:10.

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If You Only Knew How To—

Get religion like a Methodist,
Experience it like a Baptist,
Be sure of it like a Disciple,
Stick to it like a Lutheran,
Be proud of it like an Episcopalian,
Pay for it like a Presbyterian,
Propogate it like a Catholic,
And enjoy it like a colored man,
You would have SOME religion.

Nothing is easier than fault-finding; no talent, no self-denial, no brains, no character are required to set up in the grumbling business.

—Robert West

DR. MECKLENBURG REPEATS

October 1st **LECTURE** October 3rd

SATURDAY and MONDAY NIGHT

8:15 P. M.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA
HITLER AND THE JEWS

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Music that will ring in your soul for a month. Not highbrow music, not jazz. Just great soulful music.

At Wesley Church Sunday

9 5 A. M.

WESLEY CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School will honor Mother next Sunday. There will be special Mothers Day services in the various departments of the Sunday School.

This is a good time to start your children in Wesley Sunday School. Somebody at the door will guide them to the proper class. There are also seven adult classes in Wesley Church. Join one of them Sunday.

11:00 A. M.

WESLEY CHURCH MORNING WORSHIP

Sermon by Dr. George Mecklenburg on

"THE MOTHER OF JESUS"

Very special preparations have been made for a great Mother's Day service at Wesley Sunday morning. Dr. Mecklenburg got the inspiration for the sermon on "Mother" while he was listening to the Oberammergau Passion Play, when Mary, the Mother of Jesus stood beside her crucified Son.

"Was not Jesus the Son of Mary, and why should we shrink from acknowledging it? Does honor for Christ forbid a proper honor for His mother? Can it be necessary to suppress all the sweet idyll of a mother's love and sacrifice to exhibit the greatness of her Son? Would Christ Himself have excused this tacit contempt done to His mother on the ground that we sought by that contempt to exalt His separate and sublime dignity? But this is in truth a case in which extreme theological prejudices have done injury to both truth and right feeling. . . . The Protestant need not worship Mary but he may at least honor her. He may justly resent what is termed Mariolatry, but he is bound to reverence the woman who carried the hope of the world in her bosom. The same Holy Ghost who prepared the Son for His redeeming mission prepared the mother for her sacred motherhood —and the same lips that address the Son as 'My Lord and my God' may also cry, 'Hail, Mary, blessed art thou among women.'"—The Edinburgh Conference on Faith and Order, Aug., 1937.

6:00 P. M.

THE YOUTH MEETINGS OF WESLEY CHURCH

The young people of Wesley Church and of this community meet for a fine worship service at six o'clock in the Church Auditorium. Many come earlier for the Fellowship Hour and 10c luncheon at five o'clock. This Fellowship Hour is a fine place for new young people to come and get acquainted.

Then the young people separate into age groups for study. At 6:30 the Epworth League meets in the Ladies' Parlor of the Temple; the Forum meets over the Church office; the Wesleyan League meets in the Whatsoever Room.

7:30 P. M.

Popular Wesley Sunday Evening Service

Sermon-Address by Dr. Mecklenburg on

"WHO RUNS MINNEAPOLIS?"

This sermon is the last of a series of three sermons on difficult and impossible subjects. The first sermon was "What's Happening to the New Deal?" Last Sunday evening's sermon was "What's Happening in China?" Sunday evening the most difficult sermon of all will be preached, "Who Runs Minneapolis." You will want to bring your friends. You are requested to invite your politician friends to this service at Wesley Church Sunday evening.

LADIES' GUILD

When the Ladies Fed Five Hundred

What a busy, busy kitchen!
What a flutter, what a hurry!
What a rattle-bang and clatter!
What a working, what a scurry!
Mrs. Hanson, Mrs. Hunter,
Mrs. Axland there to lead us,
With a cheery word, a cheery
smile to boost us and to speed us!
Ladies here, ladies there, cutting grapefruit, fixing berries,
Making biscuits, wiping dishes; no one round here ever tarries!
With Mrs. Hodgson, Mrs. Mecklenburg busy as two bees;
And some gallant men a-working, trying hard that they might please!
Busy, busy ladies with all their faithful work!
Did you notice still another who did not lag nor shirk?
Ah! What delightful pleasure and what gracious charm,
When into the busy kitchen to lend his good right arm,—
Was it? or could it be? in all this busy mess?
Was it? or could it be? Yes, we must confess,—
'Twas the preacher come to help us, come to carve the royal bird!
Can you think it? or believe it? did you notice? have you heard?
Yes, 'Twas gay and 'twas cheery; there was noise both good and loud,
When the preacher carved the turkey, and the ladies fed the crowd!

—Helen Cantley.

Missionary Tea

Dr. and Mrs. George Mecklenburg will open their home May 10 at 8:00 P. M. to the members and friends of the Woman's Home Missionary Society for a May party. A silver offering will be taken.

Mrs. J. N. Ryker and Mrs. William M. Bjerke are in charge of the program. Mrs. William L. Sample and Mrs. George Banker compose the refreshment committee. A special invitation is given to all new members of the church who wish to get better acquainted with the work of the Home Society.

Wesley Young People's Annual Banquet, May 12, 6:30 P. M. Make your reservations now. GLadstone 7090.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Bacon left this week for Reed Point, Mont., where they will be with their daughter.

Mrs. Cantly Writes

Beginning with this issue, Mrs. Verne A. Cantly, who is a member of Wesley Church, will feature a column under the title "A Thought for the Day." We welcome this contribution to Wesley News and ask our many readers to take special interest in this fine literary effort. —The Editor.

WANT ADS

WANTED—Man or woman to take interest in shopping news and manage town about 10,000. Paper has been running about seven months. Small investment. Write Wesley News, Minneapolis, Minn.

Mrs. Bert E. Smith, wife of our former District Superintendent, would like to have three or four employed Christian girls to room at her home at 4904 Upton Ave. S. Phone WAlnut 6496.

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2 ONE ACT PLAYS TO BE PRESENTED BY

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FRIDAY, MAY 20th

Tickets now on sale.—See any member of Business Women's Bible Class.